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changing formula for  
local school funding shares

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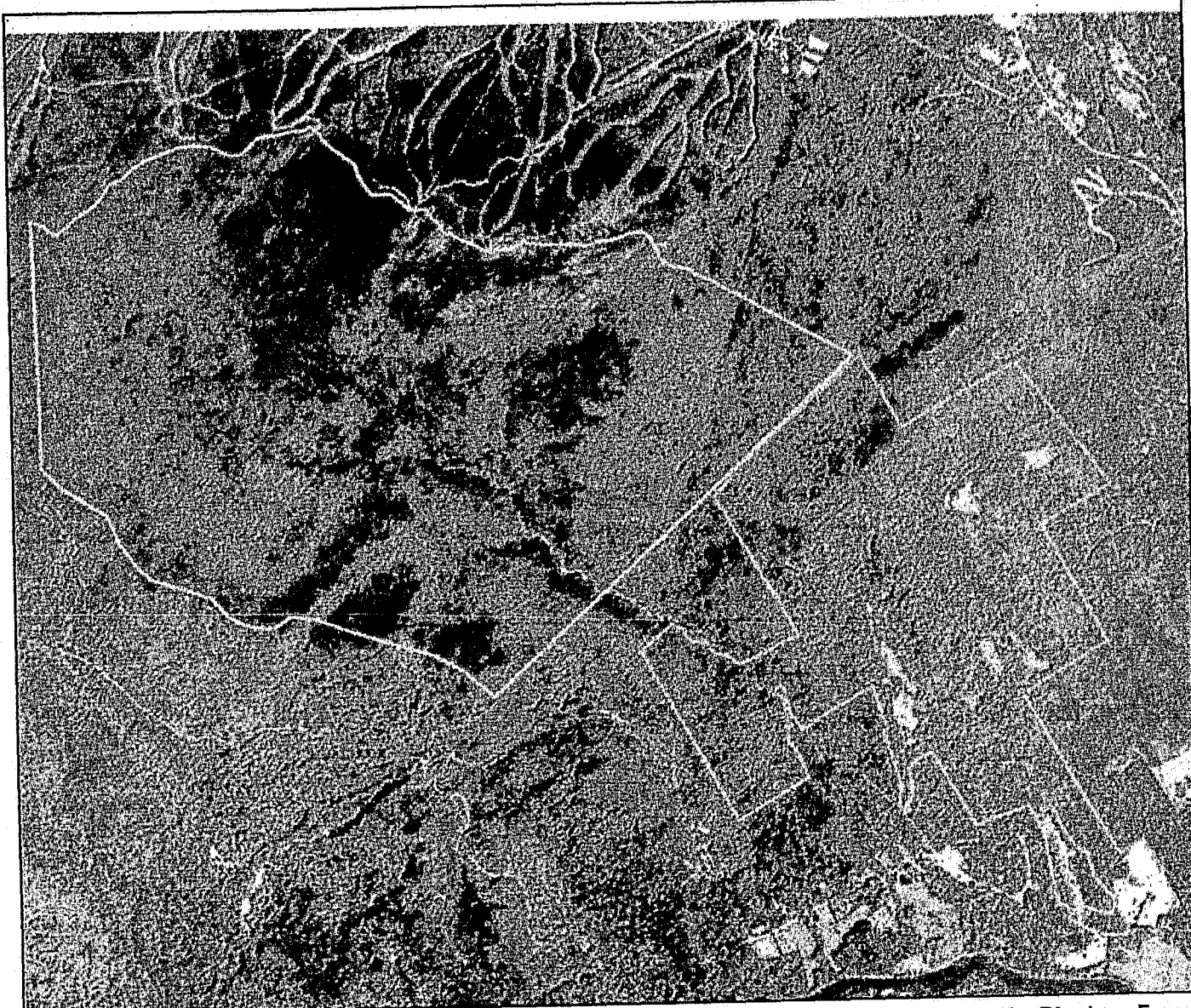
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PARCEL PURCHASE?—Bethel selectmen plan to explore the feasibility of buying property next to the Bingham Forest to provide access. The Bingham land is outlined in yellow at left, and the Stag property in orange. The North Road runs along the lower boundaries of the Stag land. The Androscoggin River is visible at the bottom.

Graphic courtesy Town of Bethel

## Bethel to explore \$2 million land buy

By Allison Aloisio

Bethel selectmen will explore an option of purchasing a \$2 million, 1,134-acre parcel of land adjacent to the town's Bingham Forest land in order to provide road access to the forest.

The Bethel Forest Authority, which oversees the 2,300-acre parcel of land the town acquired from the Bethel Water District two years ago, has been seeking the best way to access the property. Local recreationists hope to develop multi-use trails on the land.

Extending the existing Daisy Bryant Road (off the North Road) could be an option, Town Manager Jim Doar told the board at a special meeting last week. But, he said, there are disadvantages - it's a poor road, and landowners along it

don't want the traffic.

So the BFA approached Stag Properties of South Paris, an investment group that owns the adjacent land, to try to arrange an easement to use the Locke Mountain Road, which, said Doar, "goes up to a couple of landings, one known as Four Corners, where snowmobile trails come in. There's enough area for parking. The topography is really good for a recreational trail system. It lets us get into the Water District land. We think this is the best access."

But in meeting with a Stag representative, said Doar, the Bethel officials learned the owners do not wish to provide an easement unless the road is a town road.

"We can't promise that. It

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## Proposed Bethel budget ups taxes estimated 7.6%

By Allison Aloisio

The Bethel Selectmen and Budget Committee will meet next week to finalize an FY'15 budget proposal of \$3.5 million, a 4.6 percent increase over the current year.

As proposed by Town Manager Jim Doar, the plan would mean an estimated mil increase from 12.30 to 13.23 (a 7.6 percent increase).

That includes an estimated increase of 5 percent in the school budget - a figure Doar described as a placeholder because SAD 44 will not finalize its budget for several

weeks.

Wrote Doar in a memo to the panels, "This budget differs in comparison to past years in that it proposes staffing changes and new equipment purchases, rather than seeking to control costs while maintaining existing programs and services. It is important to note again this year that capital spending increased as we continue to focus on implementing the new approach to road maintenance agreed upon in FY'13. The \$652,900 capital budget represents an

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## 'Tap of the Town' taps community spirit

By Amy Chapman

Although much of the maple syrup produced in New England today is made in commercial facilities that use modern methods to collect and boil the sap, maple sugaring time still evokes images of buckets hung on trees, horse-drawn sleighs, steam rolling from wood-fired evaporators, and friends and neighbors gathering for "sugaring-off" parties.

A new local initiative called "Tap of the Town" aims to bring the community together to experience making maple syrup the old-fashioned way.

The brainchild of local food enthusiasts Tracey Wilkerson and Gabe Perkins, the project will start small this year, with plans to tap about 75 trees and boil down the sap at the Bethel Historical Society.

"For years I would talk

about a community maple concept with anyone who would listen," said Perkins, who spent several years traveling throughout the Northeast with the Northern Forest Center's mobile forest heritage museum, Ways of the Woods. "Then, out of nowhere, I found an article on North Country Public Radio about the town of Tupper Lake, New York, and plans there to implement a community-based maple syrup

project with the Wild Center, a terrific Adirondack natural history museum. I always wondered if someone took my wild idea to heart."

It turns out that the old adage, "great minds think alike," holds true. Last spring, Perkins was discussing maple syrup with Wilkerson, the director of Gould Academy's Farm and Forest program, at a Local Food Connection event,

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## Andover voters face school, town revaluation questions

By Allison Aloisio

At their March 15 Town Meeting Andover voters will decide whether to pay SAD 44 \$180,000 to keep the Andover Elementary School open another year. On March 18 they will decide by referendum whether to restart the withdrawal process from the district.

And in strictly municipal business, voters at Town Meeting will be asked again if they wish to do a town-wide revaluation, and spend up to \$20,000 to update tax maps in preparation for such a process.

They will also elect a new selectman.

### School

Selectmen are recommending the \$180,000 figure to keep AES open. Last year's payment was \$140,000.

The SAD 44 School Board

has informally indicated it would be open to accepting the higher proposal.

Asked how the Andover selectboard arrived at the \$180,000 figure, Selectman Keith Farrington said, "As in past years the \$180,000 is just a number we suggested. It's a guess at what the School Board might accept, so the voters will have something to start with. Not having a method by which a reasonable number could be determined has been a problem, and was one of the things that we were attempting to do with the multi-year/lease proposal." (The proposal idea was dropped last month when the timeframe for finalizing it to offer it to voters appeared to be too short.)

The ballot question on restarting the withdrawal process also asks if residents wish to authorize a town

withdrawal committee to expend up to \$15,000 for related expenses.

Public informational meetings on the issue are scheduled for March 8 at 10 a.m. and March 12 at 6 p.m. at the Town Hall.

A January vote on withdrawing from SAD 44 fell just short of the 2/3 majority needed.

### Municipal

Selectmen are recommending the town spend \$103,000 on a town-wide property revaluation, with \$70,000 of it coming from taxation and \$33,000 from the Designated Revaluation Account. Voters have rejected a revaluation at Town Meetings in the past.

A related article asks for \$20,000 to upgrade and up-

date tax maps. In the town report, selectmen said it would be important to update the maps prior to a revaluation in order to adjust equity of tax property.

Another vote on funding a rebuild of the Farmers Hill Road is also on the warrant. At last year's Town Meeting residents approved a \$320,000 bond, but at a subsequent special town meeting repealed that vote.

This year's warrant article simply asks for an unspecified amount of money to be put in a designated account that would be earmarked for the project.

To reduce taxes, residents

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## After school costs query, Newry voters re-elect Hanscom as selectman

By Amy Chapman

Nearly 100 voters packed the Bear River Grange Hall Monday evening to elect a selectman and act on more than 40 other warrant articles at Newry's annual Town Meeting.

Incumbent Wendy Hanscom will retain the seat she has held for 19 years, after receiving 54 votes to challenger Doug Webster's 41.

Before the vote, resident Jim Sysko asked both candidates if they would be

willing to investigate reopening the decision nearly a decade ago to continue to base the local funding share formula for SAD 44 solely on total property valuation, rather than on a combination of valuation and student population.

In 2005 the state Legislature allowed SAD 44 to be exempt from a change in the local school funding law that made student

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2. Passing accuracy contest.  
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3. Speed dribbling contest.  
Open to all.  
4. Lay up contest. Open to all.  
5. Foul shooting contest. No more  
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Coaches will pick if necessary.  
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returns to Mt. Abram**  
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# Letters

## BETHEL COMP PLAN PANEL SEEKS CITIZEN INPUT

### To the Editor:

Starting this year Bethel is embarking on an update to the Town Comprehensive Plan. This new plan will create a 10 year vision for Bethel by establishing strategies to guide community growth and investment in 12 areas: economy, housing, recreation, public facilities, transportation, water resources, natural resources, agriculture and forest resources, historic and archaeological resources, population and demographic trends, existing land use, and a capital investment plan.

The current Comprehensive Plan was completed in June 1998 and successfully led to the implementation in 2003 of the majority of the 80 recommendations including:

- The Davis Park Pathway
- Significant Expansion of the Bethel Regional Airport
- Creation of the Bethel Historic District
- 12 Unit Affordable Housing Complex
- Swimming at Angevine Park

To help the Committee launch its work, we invite community residents, businesses, and organizations to participate in this process by sharing your ideas and insights.

Your input is essential to the process. Let us know what strategies and policies the Town can adopt to help you to achieve your goals over the next ten years.

You can submit written comments to the Town office, or e-mail to [info@bethelmaine.org](mailto:info@bethelmaine.org).

As the work of the Committee continues, meeting dates, agendas and minutes will be posted on the Town website, [www.bethelmaine.org](http://www.bethelmaine.org). Later in the year public forums will be scheduled to solicit public comment on the initial work of the Committee. The intent is to have the Plan approved at the 2015 Town Meeting.

*Gabe Perkins, Chairman; Laurie Winsor, Vice-Chair; Pat Carter, David Degruittola, Fran Head, Peter Hedden*

## 'YES' ON WITHDRAWAL PROCESS

### To the Editor:

I will be voting YES on March 18 in Andover to begin the withdrawal process from SAD 44.

Recently I heard someone say that "Andover doesn't care about young families." As a mother and a member of a "young family" I believe that Andover needs young families. Who is going to serve on the fire department or as first responders as our population ages? If there are no young people moving to town, our town will die as its residents do. If we lose our school, there will be even less reason for young families to come here, or more importantly, stay here. As long as my family and I stay here, we will pay our taxes here and spend our money here supporting local businesses.

Withdrawal from SAD 44 is the only way that the residents of Andover will have the ability to control spending, avoid future debts to SAD 44 and keep our children educated locally by educators who are passionate about our children's futures! I believe in this community and I want nothing more than to see it flourish.

I will be voting YES on March 18 in support of the withdrawal process from SAD 44 and I encourage all the residents of Andover to do the same. Whether you are for or against withdrawal, please exercise your right and vote!

*Lindsay Sharkey  
Andover*

## RESPONSE TO 'WHO CARES'

### To the Editor:

In regard to Richard Grover's "Who Cares" letter to the editor, there was indeed in it an element of factual correctness. However there was also an equal element of factual distortion as to the consequences of the so-called Obama Care website's security or lack thereof. It is a fact that to date in excess of three million people have used the web site to acquire affordable health care. I would have to suggest that the remote probability of anyone coming to financial ruin due to the insecurity of the Obama care web site would be as nitpicking trivia as opposed to the multitudes that would certainly come to financial ruin due to prolonged sickness, and even death in absence of affordable health care.

Mr. Grover mentioned an effort by Senator Ted Cruz to pass legislation to make the website more secure. If there is such a thing as a 100 percent secure web site, I am sure it would be welcomed by all. However, Ted Cruz is the eloquently articulate political confidence artist that had the unmitigated audacity to confront the folks gathered at the Veterans Memorial site during the Governmental shut down and strived to blame President Obama for that which everyone knew he himself was the prime architect.

It makes little sense to champion Ted Cruz and at the same time make mention of the deception of others.

*Don Chase  
Bethel*

## VOTE 'YES' ON WITHDRAWAL

### To the Editor:

As an Andover resident and tax payer, I have been exercising my rights by becoming involved in the process of withdrawing from SAD 44. During this process, I have become educated in the process of "how it works" and have become completely disillusioned with what I have learned. Now is the time for the residents of Andover to take back local control in order to provide the best possible education for the children of this town. Now is the time for all of us to be able to have a say in how our educational dollars are spent and for that say to make a positive difference. We have, for too long, been at the mercy of the school district with limited rights to what goes on in the school. Andover Elementary is at the end of the line, both in geographic location and importance when it comes to receiving assistance from the district to make the kind of changes, both in the physical building and the types of classes that many of us here in town would like to provide to our children. Right now our hands are tied by a bureaucracy of formulas and deaf ears.

As this process moves forward there are many questions and concerns voiced by those I have spoken to in regard to educational improvements and costs. The committee members have spent countless hours working to find answers to these questions and at the end of the day the common denominator is always our children. They deserve the best education possible but until we are able to have control over how our tax dollars are spent, we are doing a great disservice to those children.

On March 8 and March 12 there will be informational meetings at the Town Hall to share what we have learned, to address the concerns and to show how, as we take full control of our school, our projected costs will go down. No one, including myself, wants taxes to continue to go up but I, for one, do not want someone who is not vested in the growth of this town to tell me how I must spend my hard earned money. I want to make my tax dollar do the most it can and this means having control over who is using it and for what purpose.

I encourage all residents of the town of Andover to attend one of these meetings, to listen carefully to the information the committee has and to realize that it is in the best interest of the Town, in terms of cost and the quality of education at AES, to withdraw from SAD 44.

I encourage the citizens of Andover to vote yes to withdraw so that we can continue to grow our town, to provide a high quality education to our children and be "that" place that others see as a place to call home.

*Claire Sessions  
Andover*

## MAPPING SESSION RESCHEDULED

### To the Editor:

On March 13, 2014, the Bike Coalition of Maine in collaboration with Healthy Oxford Hills and Mahoosuc Pathways will host a participatory mapping event at 6 p.m. in the Grand Summit Hotel at Sunday River's newest hotspot-Camp. The event is free, open to the public and part of the Oxford County Moves campaign, which seeks get more people walking and biking by making those activities easier and safer. There will be large-format maps of the area streets and roads where you are invited to map out where you ride and walk and what can be done to improve those routes. The goals and outputs of this session are to create two maps - one for public use that shows recommended bike and pedestrian routes and one for planning use that can be used in approaching DOT with an appeal for on-road improvements that will help cycling and walking in the area. Additionally, there will be a raffle for a gift certificate to Bethel Bicycle, Shop and Save and a gas card. Please contact Gabe Perkins at [info@mahoosucpathways.org](mailto:info@mahoosucpathways.org) or call Healthy Oxford Hills at 739-6222.

*Gabe Perkins  
Bethel*

## SUPPORT TELSTAR PROJECT GRADUATION

### To the Editor:

We are writing on behalf of the 2014 Telstar Project Graduation Campaign. We are looking for support from the community, fellow alumni and parents of Telstar Students.

Each year we strive to offer a fun, chemical free evening for the Telstar Graduates. The 2014 class of Telstar Regional High School is our focus this year.

We would love to have ANYONE join our efforts in planning this event. In the past, graduates have enjoyed Seacoast Fun Park, Happy Wheels Rollodrome, Yankee Bowling Lanes, sunrises in Portland, Pizza Hut, Little Caesars and much more. The excitement and memories do not stop there! For the past few years, we have raised enough money to provide each of the graduates that join us for Project Graduation gifts to take home such as gift cards to area businesses, T-shirts and much more. Let's not forget the BIG raffles we put their names in to win. We have given away Laptop bundles, iPads, Kindles and much more.

This event takes A LOT of planning and fundraising. This year's goal is \$6,000. Could you consider making a monetary donation or even contacting us to get involved? We would love to have the community involved. There are only a few months left to pull this off. PLEASE contact us today. Thank you.

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## SKIESTA SCHOLARSHIP

### To the Editor:

It is time to apply for a 2014 SkiEsta Scholarship. We will be awarding a minimum of two \$1,000 scholarships to area residents who fit into one of the following categories: 1) high school senior that has been accepted and is committed to attending college or pursuing a formal higher education degree; 2) an area resident who is interested in attending The Eddy School in Newry and is identified by it as a need-based student; and 3) any adult who is enrolled in continuing education or change of career training (e.g. training to become a plumber, electrician, or courses to further expertise in a trade).

To apply, please write a simple letter describing the way the funds will be used and discussing why you believe you are the best candidate for the scholarship money. Be sure to include name, mailing address, telephone, and e-mail on your essay. In the case of high school student applicants, please forward your GPA/transcript with your essay. Priority will be given to residents of Newry although anyone in the Sunday River area may apply.

Letters should be sent to The Owners, Ski Esta, 343 E. Hillendale Road, Kennett Square, Pa. 19348.

The deadline for receiving the application is April 1. Scholarship winners will be announced at the annual Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner, May 2, 2014. The SkiEsta owners of SkiEsta donate at least one Awards Dinner ticket to each recipient so that they can attend the dinner.

Thank you to the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce for helping us to administer the scholarship fund.

*Sophia Bilinsky  
Walter Shevchuk*

## MEDICAID EXPANSION

### To the Editor:

There comes a time in every person's life when he or she has to recognize that although they may want something, they just can't afford it. Or they may have to change a particular pattern or life style because they simply can't afford it any longer. We have come to that point in the State of Maine. It would be nice, perhaps, to increase the number of people on Medicaid but we simply can't afford to do it. I know there are many people who believe that the government coffers can never be empty but they are.

If the Medicaid system wasn't abused so badly we might be able to do it but because, for example, we continue to run to the emergency rooms for colds or minor illnesses that our mothers used to take care of by putting us to bed and rubbing Vicks on our chests and seeing to it that we had a glass of juice or a glass of gingerale. Those of you old enough will remember that gingerale cured most anything.

I understand that the governor is going to veto this bill that has been put forth by the democrat controlled Augusta but that there are a number of Republicans who are expected to stand with the democrats in overriding the governor's veto. I would ask that the Republicans in Augusta pay attention to the people who sent them there and vote accordingly. In those districts where we were successful in electing a Republican representative, we didn't do so so that you would vote with the "spend, spend, and spend some more" democrats. We sent you there to be fiscally sound and responsible. I have no appetite for getting involved in the "social issue" discussion but I do expect that my Republican representative will not vote against the Republican governor in matters of fiscal responsibility. He has proven himself to be wise in such matters. That many of you disagree with that doesn't make him wrong.

*Harry Faulkner  
Bethel*

# Our Back Pages

By Danna Brown Nickerson

**10 years ago:** Andover held its Bicentennial Winter Carnival. Events included a ski race, snowman competition, and Carnival Ball which was attended by a number of former queens.

The home of Stephen and Deborah Campbell and family in Woodstock was destroyed by a fire that started behind a woodstove.

**Death:** Helen A. Whittemore.

**20 years ago:** Stephen and Tabitha King donated \$2,500 to the Bethel Library for the purchase of a computer and printer.

Wilderness Medical Associates of Bryant Pond gave a four-day intensive course in handling outdoor medical emergencies for the senior class at Gould Academy.

**Deaths:** Ordell H. Anderson, Alma G. Hewey, Hallie M. Harrington, Wilbur A. Davis, Virginia M. Poland, Arlene E. Frost.

**30 years ago:** The Bethel Outing Club held its annual Spring Banquet at the Methodist Church.

Elderhostel returned to Sunday River Inn with 28 participants studying subjects from mythology in literature and wildflowers to cross country skiing.

**Births:** Kyle Jordan Trinward, Denise Marie Walley, Ethan Elliot-Williams.

**Deaths:** David S. Carter, Willis C. Penney.

**40 years ago:** Bolster's of South Paris, was laying new carpet in the West Bethel Church.

Members of the Telstar Library Club made stuffed animals and donated them to the children's ward of the Rumford Community Hospital.

**Birth:** Andrew James Lincoln.

**Deaths:** Mrs. Bessie E. Billings, Robert Browne, Mrs. Hattie E. Hutchinson.

**50 years ago:** Mrs. Leonard Pierce announced that Victoria Brown, Cynthia Chapin, Pamela Douglass and Ruth Tebbets would be usherettes for the Bethel Players upcoming Irish Minstrel.

Miss Carol Joan Flint was crowned as Gould Academy's 1964 Winter Carnival Queen.

**Births:** Jill O'Donnell, Eric Hoyt Gunther.

**60 years ago:** Eleven members of the Hanover Dowel Cribbage Club held their first contest meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Murphy.

The Bethel Evening Extension met at the Home Ec Cottage. Elsie Poore gave a talk on "Housework Can Make You Beautiful."

**Death:** Albert Swan.

**70 years ago:** The Blake house at the foot of Mill Hill was sold to Roscoe Andrews.

**Death:** Willis Lane.

**80 years ago:** A card party was held at the Bethel Inn to raise money for books for the library.

Coffee was 33¢ a pound.

**Deaths:** Mrs. Josephine Kimball Blake, Henry C. Smith, Mrs. Guy Trask, Nathaniel W. Green.

**90 years ago:** A "Fashion Revue" under the auspices of the Ladies' Club was presented at Odeon Hall.

Gould was the only school out of eight contesting schools to be represented on the All-Towney Team (basketball) by two players.

**Deaths:** Leslie P. Morse, Mrs. Charles W. Walker, Mrs. Albert G. Eames.

**100 years ago:** At the annual Village Corporation meeting the assessors were instructed to locate a hydrant near the intersection of Mason and Chapman Streets.

William Bingham and W.J. Upson purchased the field back of Judge Herrick's home on Broad Street.

**Deaths:** Judge Louis Colby Stearns, Mrs. George W. Harding.

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# LETTERS

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## AWARDS NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

To the Editor:

For the last 44 years, the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce has held our annual awards event to recognize community and business excellence. We look to the members of our communities to nominate those who they consider outstanding in their respective fields and deserving of recognition! Nominations must be submitted by Wednesday, April 2, and can either be sent to the chamber at P.O. Box 1247, Bethel, Maine, 04217; delivered to our office, or e-mailed to [info@bethelmaine.com](mailto:info@bethelmaine.com). Nominators are asked to be present at the event to accompany the recipient.

We have many categories! Business of the Year, Henry H. Hastings Award for Citizenship, Lifetime Achievement Award, Bethel Area Non-Profit Leadership Award, Forest Products Industry Award, Public Service Award (typically goes to someone working in municipal governments or committees), Rising Star Entrepreneur Award, Rocky Freda Memorial Award, and four Employee of the Year Awards: Ski Industry, Service & Retail, Education & Hospitality (these should be nominated by their respective employers). We also present three awards to high school seniors who are chosen by the staff of Telstar HS and we provide the forum to present the SkiESta Scholarships.

The Awards Dinner and Celebration is scheduled for Friday, May 2, to be held at the Grand Summit Hotel at Sunday River Resort. Details related to the dinner, and making reservations will be released in the next weeks.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available for this event, and information on the benefits of this can be obtained by contacting the chamber. We are also seeking donations for our Silent Auction - which has been a terrific addition to the event. Please call us!

Many thanks for taking the time to nominate those who are outstanding in our communities and work places.

The Awards Committee and Chamber Board Members  
Irene McGrew and Dave Nivus

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\$83,400 increase over FY'14."

Notable changes within the budget this year, he said, include a proposal to increase the Code Enforcement Officer position from part-time, because of an increase in the number of inspections required in home construction. The salary would increase from \$19,000 to \$43,000.

Another change would be an increase in the on-call pay for Bethel Ambulance personnel from \$1 an hour to \$3. Research revealed the current rate is the lowest in the area, with \$3 the average.

Also proposed is the creation of a part-time recreation director, a recommendation of the Recreational Facilities Committee, which

last year studied future recreational options for Bethel. That salary would be \$14,500.

According to the committee, "This would be a more cost-effective way of creating more recreational opportunities than creating additional facilities. The right person could leverage a lot of resources worth much more than his/her annual salary. As we have looked at other towns with successful rec programs and facilities, a rec director is an essential component. The position could potentially be combined with another position, be share between town and SAD or other towns to reduce the cost."

The selectmen and the committee will meet March 12 and 19 at 7 p.m. at the Town Office.

# Newry to ask about changing local school funding formula

By Allison Aloisio

Newry selectmen agreed unanimously Tuesday to explore a possible change in the local SAD 44 school funding share to reduce what the town pays toward the school budget.

Were that to happen, the other member towns' shares would likely increase significantly.

The decision followed a presentation by Jim Sysko, who at Monday night's Town Meeting asked selectmen candidates Wendy Hanscom and Doug Webster for their views on the question. (see Town Meeting story).

Town Administrator Loretta Powers said Wednesday that Sysko and Selectman Brooks Morton will approach SAD 44 Supt. Dave Murphy to get information about how the Legislature's decision to retain the exclusively valuation-based local cost-sharing formula for only SAD 44 and SAD 6 came about in 2005, and how to go about changing it for the future.

Had the SAD 44 formula changed in 2005, Newry's share would have dropped by an estimated 80 percent, according to some calculations at the time.

This year Newry is paying

\$2.7 million of about \$8 million in local funding, toward an overall SAD 44 budget of \$10.3 million.

In the past some Newry selectmen have noted that despite a higher per-pupil cost, Newry taxpayers do not pay proportionally more in property taxes than those in other district towns, since the school costs are spread over a higher tax base.

Sysko said Wednesday he could envision a possible compromise with SAD 44 that would reduce Newry's share, but not by as much as it might otherwise be if the current statewide local funding formula were applied.

Asked if SAD 44 did not support such a change whether he would advocate that Newry look into withdrawing from SAD 44, he said that might be an option. "We could put a lot of money into a little school system," he said, adding that perhaps joining with Andover, Hanover and Upton might be a subject for study.

Newry went through a withdrawal study process more than 20 years ago but failed to reach the 2/3 majority vote needed. Sysko was on the town's withdrawal committee then.

## NEWRY

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As nearly 100 voters wait to hear, Deputy Clerk Anita Clark tells moderator Les Otten (left, leaning over) the results of the vote count for the selectman's contest between incumbent Wendy Hanscom and challenger Doug Webster. Hanscom won, 54-41. She is seated third from the right at the town officials table. A. Aloisio

population, in addition to overall property valuation, part of the basis for calculating a town's share of the school district budget. With the town's small student population, implementing the change would have drastically cut Newry's share of the costs, while the other towns in the district could have seen their shares jump significantly.

At the time, there were complaints in Newry that local officials had worked with legislators to exempt the district without asking residents' opinions.

"The question was never presented to the town as a whole, and I think the town should have a say," said Sysko Monday. "Seventy-five percent of our taxes go to pay for the school, and if we don't have a say, I think we're either not represented right, or we're not taxed right."

"We can have any kind of discussion that you want," Hanscom responded. "Would I be gung ho for school withdrawal? No. But could we open it up and talk about [the funding formula]? Sure."

Webster, too, indicated a willingness to discuss the issue. "I would be open to any discussion," he said.

The discussion ended there and the vote followed.

Newry School Director Bonnie Largess, running unopposed, was re-elected to a three-year term on the board. She was not asked about the funding formula.

Longtime Animal Control Officer Alan Fleet was nominated for re-election, but declined the nomination.

"I'm not running," Fleet said. "There's too much politics. If somebody wants to be in politics, they ought to be in the animal control office."

Town Administrator Loretta Powers then read a letter from Susan Milligan, who currently serves as ACO for the towns of Rumford, Roxbury, Bethel, Andover, and Peru, indicating her interest in also serving Newry. After first voting to allow the nomination of a non-resident to the position, voters elected Milligan.

Voters moved quickly through most of the two dozen budget articles, appropriating funds for a new furnace and other improvements at the Grange Hall, as well as a security system, new carpet, and chimney repairs at the municipal building. They approved the fire department's proposed budget of \$74,000 and the requested amount, \$136,250, for winter and summer road maintenance.

A request from the Bethel

Area Chamber of Commerce for \$500 to help with the cost of fireworks and other expenses related to Mollycoddett Day was approved with little discussion. Executive Director Robin Zinchuk said the Chamber is also requesting donations of \$500 from the towns of Woodstock and Greenwood, and \$2,000 from Bethel.

Based on several bids that have been received for engineering to rebuild an approximately 1,100-foot stretch of the Sunday River Road in the vicinity of the Letter S pool, voters approved taking up to \$35,000 from the Capital Improvement account to pay for the engineering of the project, including surveying, design, and oversight of construction.

They also approved taking \$200,000 from the Capital Improvement account for paving of Skiway Road and Monkey Brook Road, and appropriated \$271,000 from Unappropriated Surplus to the Capital Improvement account for the future road reconstruction at Letter S.

With the approval of all the money articles the amount to be raised from taxes for municipal expenses would be \$829,475.

The article that prompted the most discussion was one that has been routinely ap-

proved in the past.

Selectmen, as well as the town's auditor, recommended discontinuing the town's policy of offering a 2 percent discount on property taxes to those who pay them within 30 days because the practice creates much extra work for the office staff, and the funds to make up for the discount also come from the taxpayers. A motion was made to continue offering the discount, as worded in the article.

After discussion, both a show of hands and a standing vote count proved too close to call. Moderator Les Otten then called for a paper ballot, which resulted in a 38-38 tie. After a second paper ballot, the motion to continue to offer the discount passed, 40-35.

At the conclusion of the meeting, resident Brad Wight asked if townspeople were interested in having the town look into providing road sand to residents for personal use. Currently, Newry residents must get sand for their driveways from the MDOT garage on Route 2, where they are limited to two buckets and must pick it up when the facility is open.

Otten suggested that Wight bring his request to the selectmen at their next meeting.

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## ANDOVER

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will be asked if they wish to use any money in surplus over \$160,000 toward that end, and also use up to \$100,000 collected from excise taxes.

The town report currently shows \$268,080 in Surplus and \$127,581 in Excise.

Voters will also decide whether to give town employees a 3 percent raise.

Other article proposals include \$50,000 for the Transfer Station (up \$2,000 over last

year) and \$1,300 to create and maintain a town website.

There are a total of 54 articles on the warrant. Farrington said he had not yet added up all the money articles, but if they all pass, the municipal appropriation would likely be greater than last year because of the higher AES figure and the revaluation request.

Elections  
Selectboard Chair Su-

san Merrow is not seeking re-election. Vying for her seat are Brian Mills and Jim Adler (see related story).

SAD 44 School Director Tim Akers is running unopposed for re-election.

The Town Meeting starts at 9 a.m. at Town Hall. Voting for elections and ballot questions takes place from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Town Hall.

## Briefly

### Selectmen appoint Water District trustee

BETHEL—At a special meeting last week, Bethel selectmen appointed Scott Fraser to a three-year term on the Bethel Water District Board of Trustees. They had delayed the appointment from a regular board meeting in February in order to meet with Fraser and discuss his views on possibly merging the independent BWD with the town's sewer department. Fraser said at the meeting he would be open to listening to such a proposal and would make any decision after a thorough review of the information.

### 10th arrest in meth operation

BETHEL—Maine Drug Enforcement agents have made another arrest in the ongoing investigation into a large-scale methamphetamine production and distribution ring in the Bethel area. Macy Jon Blaisdell, 34, of Bethel was arrested at his home on Flat Road in Bethel last Thursday afternoon by MDEA agent Tony Milligan, according to officials. Blaisdell is facing a charge of criminal conspiracy to traffic methamphetamine, a highly addictive stimulant. His is the 10th arrest to come out of police raids on suspected meth labs in the Bethel area. MDEA Supervisor Matt Cashman said Blaisdell is suspected of purchasing pseudoephedrine, a common decongestant, and providing it to other members of the group to produce meth. Cashman said members of the group bought pseudoephedrine tablets at pharmacies from Berlin, N.H., to Gray. According to the Oxford County Jail in Paris, Blaisdell was released Thursday on \$1,000 unsecured bail.

### West Paris approves budget

By Peter McGuire/  
Sun Media Wire

Voters approved a \$1.13 million municipal budget and re-elected two long-standing town officials at the annual town meeting Saturday.

Fewer than 50 residents assembled in the gymnasium, of the Agnes Gray School on Main Street in West Paris to vote on the 39-article town meeting warrant.

The meeting started at 10 a.m. and business was completed by 11:30 a.m., including time for a snack break, with refreshments provided by the West Paris Ex-

plorers After School Program.

Two longtime town officials were easily re-elected to new three-year terms. With three votes, Dennis Henderson was re-elected to the town's Board of Selectmen, on which he has served since 2006.

Shane Poland, a longtime member of the town's Water District Board of directors, was re-elected to another term, also by three votes. Both candidates were nominated from the floor and were unopposed.

Voters gave near-unanimous approval to all of the budget articles recom-

mended by selectmen and the town's Budget Committee. The requested budget for 2014 is \$11,403 larger than last year's. Taxpayers are facing a \$1 increase in the tax rate, to about \$7.50 per \$1,000 worth of property.

Town Manager John White said the tax increase is largely due to a drop in the amount the town receives in municipal revenue-sharing from the state and the fact that it is using only \$50,000 from the town's cash reserves to offset property taxes, less than half the amount it used last year.

## Selectman candidates share views

Jim Adler and Brian Mills are running for retiring Andover Selectman Susan Merrow's position. They were asked by e-mail to outline their reasons and/or goals for running, and their background that would aid them in the position. Their answers follow:

**Jim Adler**

My reason for running for selectman is I would like the chance to be a part of what helps make Andover run and my goals would be to do my best and follow the direction that the town would like to go in.

I think my years on the Planning Board will help but I do realize there will be a lot to learn, as there was for the Planning Board.

**Brian Mills**

I was a selectman for two terms in the past.

With what's happened in Andover for the past few years I feel very strongly that good leadership takes vision to look past today and tomorrow for the future of our town. So I wrote down what we accomplished as a board for those six years and was not really surprised at how much we got done as a board back then.

So here is my three-year plan:

Planting of trees on Main Street, Revitalizing Main Street with promoting, preserving and presenting with our historical value in mind. To promote the area and its number one asset, 'outdoor recreation' for survival and growth of small business in town.

To look at a town manager/business professional for the town.

Also with the possible de-regulation of water districts and the overlap of services the town and the water district needs to look at combining.

Also there needs to be a hydro study for the Stony Brook Reservoir.

Continue to develop the towns rec/Grimaldi Field.

I also would like to look at the number of town buildings we maintain and try to consolidate where possible.

Work with the county on savings for them and us.

Look at all town services and see where we can improve services and control the cost doing so.

To make sure properties are being taxed as they should be, business, home based, commercial, and that we are getting the personal property that goes along with it.

## TAP

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Gould Academy sophomores Amelia Laguia, Ken Huang, Matt Wolf, and Jake Sherer carry Gould's maple syrup evaporator to be set up at the Bethel Historical Society.

A. Chapman

when she told him about her idea of starting a community maple project in Bethel called Tap of the Town.

Word spread, and a small group began meeting in December to make plans for spring. With support from the Bethel Historical Society and Gould Academy, Perkins said, "we are so close to launching this exciting, educational, and traditional project in the village."

On Monday, five Gould Academy sophomores helped Wilkerson and Tap of the Town volunteer Jean Bass move maple syrup equipment belonging to Gould to a space between the Historical Society's Moses Mason and Robinson Houses, where the evaporator will be set up and the sap boiled down.

"This has been a cooperative effort from the beginning," said Wilkerson. "The Historical Society offers a good, central location where people can stop by and see what we're doing. Scott Sumner and the Bethel road crew

cleared a space for us to set up the equipment." Bruce Pierce, who boils sap from about 150 taps at his Newry farm each year, is providing technical help.

Bonnie Pooley, who has been involved with the project since the idea was hatched last year, said the group's mission statement sums up its goals and philosophy: "Tap of the Town is a community-building project to tap Bethel's maple trees, collect and boil the sap in the traditional way, and to bring local volunteers together to share the process, the fun, and the maple syrup."

Group members are in the process of identifying which trees to tap, determining which of Bethel's village trees are sugar maples, and which are other species of maple. (All maples produce sap, but the sap from sugar maples is sweeter, requiring less boiling to make syrup.) Wilkerson said longtime local arborist and tree surgeon Fred Burk of Newry has also pro-

vided valuable assistance.

"Fred is amazing," she said. "I can call him up and ask him about any tree in town, and he knows what species it is from memory."

The sap will be collected and brought to the boiling site on a wagon hauled by Wilkerson's two Percheron draft horses, Tasha and Ryah, who live at the Gould Academy barn during the school year.

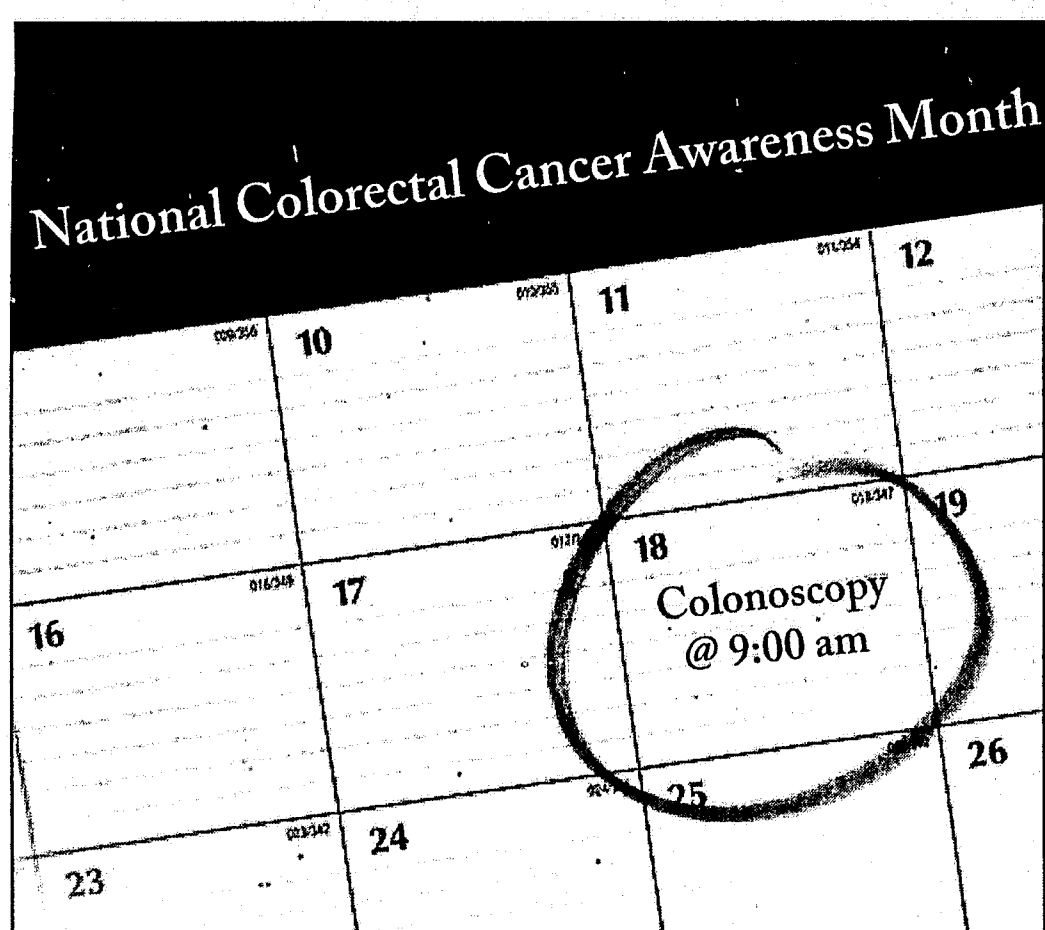
Doug Jones of Cross Excavation and Doug Wilson of D.A. Wilson & Co. have both agreed to donate firewood for the evaporator, and members of the volunteer group footed the bill for 100 new, small-diameter spiles that are made to minimize damage to the trees.

Wilkerson said the project will start small in its first year, but they hope the enthusiasm will spread to include more participants, more trees, and more sweet syrup to share in future years.

As for what to do with the maple syrup they will produce in their inaugural season, the group is considering a community pancake breakfast, which would serve as a fundraiser for a yet-to-be-determined local non-profit.

Anyone who would like to join the fun is welcome. Cold weather has so far delayed the start of the sap run, but, said Pierce, "When the nights are cold, and the days warm to above freezing, keep an eye out for activity at the Historical Society."

For more information on Tap of the Town, call Wilkerson at 418-7559 or Pierce at 557-2518.



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## The Way I See It

By Sharon Bouchard

Last week a man in Massachusetts was stopped for speeding. The reason for his heavy foot, he explained to the officer, was because he had won \$50,000 on a scratch ticket and he was rushing to the lottery office to claim it. He showed the officer the winning ticket and the officer let him go with a warning to slow down.

This man certainly had double luck going for him that day; first, in winning \$50,000, and second, in not getting a speeding ticket.

I have done a lot of scratch tickets in my time and can't imagine how excited I'd be if I won \$50,000. I'm sure I'd be speeding off to the lottery office too, but I'd try to keep from going over the speed limit.

I did win \$1,000 in Megabucks a few years ago and though I don't believe I did any speeding I certainly did head for the lottery office to claim it.

They made the check out right then and there and they even gave me a T-shirt with the Maine State Lottery logo on it. My husband and I were so excited since we'd never won anything before.

The \$1,000 check was in an envelope and I put it in the glove compartment where it would be safe and we headed home.

Because we had an unexpected windfall we decided we could afford to stop a few places along the way and do a little shopping. At each stop I would open the

glove compartment to push the trunk release button so I could get Henry's wheelchair and I would also take out the envelope with the \$1,000 check and do a little happy dance singing "We won a \$1,000" then put the envelope back. Silly, I know.

On the last stop when we returned to the car I reached into the glove compartment once again to push the trunk button and to fondle my new found wealth. There was

**I hope that someday I'll be as lucky as the \$50,000 man.**

nothing to fondle other than the car registration; the envelope was gone!

The first thought was that someone stole it, but realizing that the car was locked when we left it and still locked when we returned we knew that couldn't have been the case.

The next logical assumption was that since there was a gap at the top of the glove compartment when it was opened that the envelope had slipped into the gap. I slid my hand into the open space and couldn't feel a thing. I figured that when we got home we would have

my son-in-law remove the glove compartment, retrieve the envelope and all would be well. Since it was starting to sprinkle at that point I wanted to get Henry into the car before sprinkles turned to rain.

This was when I discovered that my hand was stuck. I twisted and turned the darn thing every which way and it was still stuck. Henry, trying to help, put his one good hand around my arm and tried pulling, all to no avail. Then the sky opened up and torrential rains came down.

I can only imagine what it looked like to the people in that parking lot to see a man in a wheelchair tugging on a woman's arm that's inside the glove compartment in the pouring rain.

To make a long story a bit shorter I eventually got my hand out, got Henry in the car and his wheelchair in the trunk. We were both soaked at that point and it was an uncomfortable and quiet ride home as we wondered if we would ever see our \$1,000 again.

As it turned out my son-in-law ended up having to take the dash off, but he did find the slightly battered envelope. I promptly went to the bank to deposit the darn thing.

I hope that someday I'll be as lucky as the \$50,000 man. The way I see it that would be a very lucky day indeed... that is as long as I don't put my winnings in the glove compartment.

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## OCSD Patrol Log

Tuesday, Feb. 25

At 7:26 a.m. Deputy Richard Murray responded to a business in Bethel for a report of drugs being found on the floor. The items were recovered by the Deputy and will be destroyed.

At 3:16 p.m. Deputy Dave Hodgson transported Sarah Mitchell, 38, from the North Road in Bethel to the jail for the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency.

Wednesday, Feb. 26

At 2:58 p.m. Lt. Tom Harriman received information on a domestic violence related matter in Bethel.

Thursday, Feb. 27

At 7:15 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney responded with Bethel Rescue to a medical call on Vernon Street in Bethel.

At 5:27 p.m. Deputy Richard Murray, a game warden, Bethel Rescue and the Bethel Fire Department responded to the area of 386 Walkers Mills Road for a reported snowmobile crash with injuries in the middle of a field. A male subject was transported to the hospital for a serious head injury. The operator of the snowmobile was not wearing a helmet.

Friday, Feb. 28

At 2:32 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney took a report of fraud in Bethel. The incident is still under investigation.

Saturday, March 1

At 5:27 p.m. Sgt. Matt Baker shut down the runway at the Bethel Airport until a disabled plane could be removed.

At 10:21 p.m. Deputy Peter Casey arrested Michael R. Plawlock, 59, of Bethel for domestic violence assault.

At 11:14 p.m. a Bethel complainant reported her rent money, taped to the outside of a door, had been stolen.

Sunday, March 2

At 1:50 p.m. an assault was reported on the Mayville Road in Bethel. Deputy Dave Hodgson was investigating.

At 3:58 p.m. a report was received of a violation of bail conditions in Bethel. Deputy Dave Hodgson responded but there was no contact with anyone at the residence.

At 6:08 p.m. Jonathan Devaney, 28, of Bethel was arrested by Deputy Dave Hodgson for a warrant for unpaid fines.

Monday, March 3

At 2:12 PM Deputy Dave Hodgson responded to a two-vehicle crash on Mayville Road in Bethel.

## LAND

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would take a town meeting," he said. "They were going to put a subdivision up there. We tried to convince them that if they put a subdivision in, allowed access to the public, and built the road to a town standard, they could build a constituency to show up at Town Meeting to accept it as a town road, but they don't even want to do that."

He said the owners still had some understandable concerns about possible conflict of uses on the land. But as that conversation concluded, said Doar, "They offered to sell the entire parcel outright. The asking price is \$2 million."

He said with the possibility of seeking some funding in cooperation with the Trust for Public Land, "I think it's worthwhile to investigate it."

He said the landowners claim there is \$1.5 million worth of timber on the land, along with two gravel pits containing sand and Type A gravel, which the town could potentially use on roads in the winter.

"I think the revenue off it would almost pay for it if we

could raise private funds to do it," he said. "Maybe enough to break even."

He said the owners had paid \$1.7 million for the property in 2005. Selectman Pat Carter said she was open to the idea, but she wanted more information on the current value of the timber and the gravel pits before making a decision.

Selectman Don Bennett said the owners have been cutting wood on the land for three or four years, and gravel has been taken from the site for many years. He wondered if

the best gravel might already be gone.

But Doar said he had been told by the owners there is "a really good vein of gravel" in one area.

The board eventually agreed to meet with a representative of the Trust for Public Land about options for funding, possibly at their next regular meeting March 10.

The TPL helps communities raise funds for conservation, conduct conservation research and planning, acquire and protect land, according to its website.



CZECH CHOIR VOICES AT TELSTAR-Bonifantes, a choir of 32 boys ages 10-18 from Pardubice, Czech Republic, performed at Telstar High School last week as part of a month-long tour the United States and Canada. In Maine for five nights, they also gave public concerts in Farmington, Kingfield and Strong. The choir's Maine visit was a collaborative project of the Arts Institute of Western Maine, the Mahoosuc Arts Council, and Kingfield Pops. A. Aloisio

## Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



Maine Restaurant Week is March 1 through 10. The week is dedicated to celebrating the ingenuity of Maine's chefs and the various culinary traditions offered in Maine's restaurants. Participating restaurants and hotels offer special rates during the week. The only participating restaurant in the Bethel area is the Sunday River Brewing Co.

However, if you're traveling to another town or city this week, check the guide for restaurants at [www.mainerestaurantweek.com](http://www.mainerestaurantweek.com).

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 9, at 2 a.m. Set your clocks ahead one hour. Sometimes known as Summer Time, the main purpose of DST is to make better use of daylight by moving an hour of daylight from the morning to the evening. This supposedly saves energy, but studies disagree on whether this is true. Benjamin Franklin first raised the

idea of Daylight Saving Time in 1784, but it wasn't until 1918 it was first instituted by the Germans. The United States began using DST in 1918. From 1945 to 1966 there were no federal laws regarding Daylight Saving Time. Local areas set their own laws considering time. Finally, the transportation and communication industries demanded that the federal government set standard rules for time to avoid chaos. The transportation industry set up the Committee for Time Uniformity, which gained public support for time standardization but only after discovering and disclosing that there was a 35-mile stretch of highway (Route 2) between Moundsville, W. Va., and Steubenville, Ohio, where there were seven time changes. Bus drivers and bus passengers had to change their watches seven times during the short trip. The Uniform Time Act went into effect in 1966.

The Great Back Yard Bird Count took place Feb. 14 through 17. It's a yearly global event in which anyone can participate.

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Among other things, the count helps track bird migration, populations, and diseases. Although results are still being tabulated, some local people who are bird watchers noted large numbers of robins and cedar wax wings this year. Several weeks ago I noted a flock of cedar wax wings in our apple tree. These birds eat berries and fruit. Hopefully, they were eating some of the frozen apples still on the tree.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brownnancy1950@gmail.com, or call me at 824-2483.

### East Bethel

By CHERRI CROCKETT



Hello neighbors, I hope you're well and enjoying your day.

Here we are in the first week of March and spring is showing up all around us. This weekend we turn the clocks ahead and what does that mean? Well, for starters, it's going to be light out until almost seven at night! Sure, we'll lose a little in the morning, but we're gaining. Before you know it we'll be crawling out of bed with the sun at five and not hitting the pillow again until the sun goes down at nine. Oh, the days.

I've been seeing a lot of posts on Facebook about robin sightings and I'm excited to hear some finches when I'm out, too. What beautiful songs they have. We truly are blessed with a wonderful world to wake up to.

Speaking of spring, how many of you are out dancing like I mentioned last week? I know Tonya Lewis and her pretty Lily were whooping it up this past weekend with a baby



**ROTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**—The Rotary Club of Bethel recognized Telstar High School students for the month of February at a recent club meeting. Pictured are, from left: Carla Boyle Wight; Rene McGrew (Bethel Rotary Club president); and Allison Kelly.

Submitted photo

shower for little Madeline. Please join me in wishing Tonya well over these next few weeks. Tonya, we can't wait to hear of the arrival of your precious bundle.

I saw that Ruby Coolidge requested prayer this past week for her grandson, Michael who was experiencing some chest pain. God knows what's on each of our hearts, so please, if you have a minute, mention Michael's name in your prayers. I'm sure he would appreciate knowing so many people are thinking of him.

At this time, I'd like to place a request of my own. This earth lost a great man last Saturday, my friend Bill Irwin. Bill was led by God to hike the entire Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine in 1990 with his guide dog, Orient. He succeeded after a long eight-month journey. Yes, Bill was blind physically, but his spiritual eyes were well.

Bill leaves behind his wonderful wife, Debra, here in Maine, as well as children and grandchildren out of state. Please include them in your prayers.

Over the last couple of years I've thought a lot about the Appalachian Trail each time I hike and then meeting Bill and reading his book, Blind Courage, was scared to death to ever attempt that hike. I heard Bill state several times to people who said they wanted to hike the A.T. after reading his book, "Well, you didn't read my book."

In these last months, I've been reading a lot about the Appalachian Trail and after summiting Katahdin last fall, knew I wanted to take on the challenge. Katahdin changed me.

A couple of weeks ago I decided to set the goal of a 2016 thru hike, but never got the chance to tell Bill of my plans. When I told Debra, she responded with a request to be part of my

support team. What better way to have my friend Bill along with me, than to have his wife as support.

In not being able to share my excitement with Bill, it made me realize the importance of sharing your thoughts and feelings with those who matter most to you in this life. Whether it's a phone call, a written letter or even a message over Facebook; please, don't take one moment for granted.

Even if your mother isn't the type to hug, hug her. I'm reminded of something Joyce, my mother-in-law, once said to me.

"Cherri, you need to put your love out there. If someone grabs hold, they're better off for it. If they refuse it, then they're the ones who lose out on a great gift you were offering them. Know that you did your best to reach out and love."

If you have family news or something you would like to share, please feel free to

e-mail me at brindlelabs@gmail.com or call me, 357-3469. Blessings to you.

### Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER



Property taxes could go up if the proposed Greenwood budget is passed. Got your attention with that phrase.

The budget committee met recently and heard the proposed new fire department budget. Chief Al Curtis, Jr., requested \$92,200 for the upcoming year. This compares to last year's budget of \$70,250. The new budget includes funds for increased wages and compensation, protective equipment, funds for truck repair and fuel, and a federally-mandated \$5,000 EMS supply item. The budget committee and selectmen voted to include a \$20,000 fire department reserve in addition to the budget request.

The total proposed Greenwood budget is \$1,197,610 compared to last year's budget of \$1,041,000. If this budget is approved by voters that means the mill rate will increase from \$11.65 to \$12.50. That is about a nine percent increase. Town Manager Kim Sparks said the last mill rate increase was about five years ago.

Voters will get to have their say and vote on the budget at town meeting, May 17. The town report will be available later in March. You can get a look at budget details then.

Greenwood will have its own website in a few weeks. Sparks is working on the site contents now and hopes it will be on the internet later this month. Will keep you posted about this.

Sympathy to the family of David Carter. He died last weekend. I hope his good soul continues to ski the trails forever more.

A few new birds have shown up recently. The pileated woodpecker has

come out of his/her deep woods winter habitat to fly through the yard a few times. A white-throated sparrow has been at the feeder. I usually do not see this sparrow in the winter. And, a sure sign of changes, the first waterfowl arrived for a short visit. A pair of hooded mergansers was trying their hand at fishing in the tiny bit of open water near the causeway on Round Pond.

Of course, the talk of the town is the recent cold snap courtesy of that polar vortex. Last year, the average temperature for February was 22° F. This year it was 16°. That is a lot colder for an average temperature. I've burned through close to an extra cord of wood this winter and, like many folks, am hoping the wood will outlast the cold.

Take heart. The extended forecast for the rest of March is for daytime temperatures to be in the 30s and low 40s. Practically T-shirt-and-shorts weather. I think I can handle those temps. Bring them on, Mother Nature.

Please send news to 3taichi6@gmail.com.

### Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



The Woodstock Historical Society will meet on Saturday, March 8 at 6 p.m. at the Town Office Complex (weather permitting). Following the business meeting, Mr. Ben Conant of Paris Cape Historical Society will present a program on the life of Winfield Scott Ripley (1839-1924). Mr. Ripley, a famous composer, was originally from the Oxford Hills area. The public is welcome to attend. FMI call 875-3800.

The March program for the Whitman Memorial Library will be Thursday, March 13 at 2 p.m. Guest speaker will be Jack Richardson of Paris, a retired special agent for the

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Responsible Pet Care of Oxford Hills is a no-kill, non-profit shelter and adoption center for cats and dogs; and the holding area for stray dogs for 12 towns in Oxford County. The shelter has moved to a new location at 9 Swallow Road in Paris.

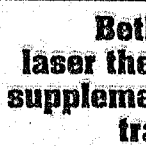
Anyone interested in adopting a pet from RPC can visit the shelter Tuesday-Sunday 12-4 p.m. Most of the adoptable pets and the adoption application can be found online on the shelter's website at www.rpc.petfinder.com.

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FBI. He will talk about his time with the FBI and current plans. The public is welcome to attend at no charge. Light refreshments will be served. Please note, if there is no school that day, the program will be held April 13.

Judith Grover Tent 17 DUVOW will meet on March 10 at the home of Alice Hoyt for a regular meeting and to plan the April dinner for the senior citizens.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service. Tuesday, March 11 at 9 a.m. is Ladies' Coffee Cup Devotions. March 30 will be "Old Fashioned Sunday." Join us as we celebrate the rich heritage of the Bryant Pond Baptist Church. Following the morning service, there will be a potluck dinner followed by an afternoon service. No evening service this day.

### South Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM



Condolences to the families of, Ronnie M. Knightly, Sr., Floyd E. Richardson, Percy Morin, Sr. and Nellie M. Ward. Thoughts and prayers to each family member on the loss of their loved one.

Get well wishes to all those that have been down with the flu and awful winter illnesses.

Birthday wishes to the following: Myra Emery, Alan Brandon Coffin, Joan Canuli, Danielle Wilson, Natasha Hodson, Diane Slocum, Meagan Hodson, Pat Planter, Jim Mielon, Harold Wilbur, Mark Thurlow, Jessie Hart, Jim Palmer, Janice Walker, Laurie Moore, Melissa Seilonen, Elaine Gammon, Kathy Bartlett, Melissa Hilligoss, Gail Bennett, Amanda Corriveau, Chris Lamb, Christine Hanscom, Ginny Brown, Joyce Hathaway, Warren Libby, Ruby Coolidge, Betty Foster, Nancy Wardwell and Carol Ann Fogg.

March Anniversary wishes to Roger and Marie Wilday.

A great day for a Country show in Limerick last week - lots of great food was served at the refreshment bar. Lisa LePage did a great job on all those homemade sweets she served, including custard pie.

I was one of the lucky raffle winners and won a jar of Lisa's homemade cucumber relish. I so enjoyed it on my hot dogs yesterday. Will have to see if she will share her recipe so I can put up a few jars this fall.

Shirley Brackett was the lucky winner of the huge Reese's peanut butter cream cheese cake Lisa made - Shirley cut it and gave Yogi a piece to bring home to enjoy with his coffee later that evening.

I've been busy working on crafts and gifts evenings and during my spare time.

Country Music Jam session Friday night at the Rumford Eagles from 7 to 10 p.m.

Mitch and Judy Green celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary last week.

PLEASE, remember to clean your cars and vehicles off after a storm. A van covered with ice and snow passed a log truck on Route 219 a week ago, breaking the windshield of the log truck as the ice/snow flew off the van - it struck right in the face of the truck driver covering him in glass and debris from the van.

This could have turned out worse if the truck driver had gotten glass in his eyes and could not see. PLEASE be responsible for your actions and cleaning off your vehicles and make driving safe for all. It is a State law for you to clean off your vehicles so this does not happen.

That's all from the valley this week. I'm headed for the kitchen to make a batch of chocolate chip cookies and corn chowder for supper.

Have a great week. Enjoy every day.

### Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



The first weekend in March was reasonably quiet weather wise. It was cool but we had plenty of sunshine so

that made it seem a little better. We just keep getting closer and closer to spring!

My brother, Steve McLain, has been busy getting the snow off his garage roof. One side slides off quite easily, but the other seems to want to hang on.

Hugh and I had to go to Gorham, N.H., a couple of days last week to stay with the grandchildren. Schools in New Hampshire were on vacation all week.

William and Annie Chapman spent the weekend with their Dad, Michele, Ajay and Sidney. Tim stopped by on Sunday afternoon on his way to drop them off with their mother in Bridgton for the ride back to Saco. It was nice to see them for a few minutes. They said they had a great time doing outdoor activities with Ajay and Sidney. Tim posted videos of them sliding on the hill by their house. Looked like fun.

Lise McLain donated two hand designed necklaces to SeniorsPlus for their auction at their Chocolate Festival in Auburn on March 30.

The Democratic Caucus was held at Telstar last Sunday, March 2. I attended as the Registrar for the Town of Gilead. Other Registrars there were Christen Mason (Bethel), Kelly Harrington (Hanover), Kim Sparks (Greenwood), Retta Powers (Newry) and Joan Kimball (Albany). Registrars from participating towns are required to arrive thirty minutes before the beginning of the caucus.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

### Hanover

By MARIA HOLLOWAY



It has been nearly six months since Ann Hastings Morton of Bryant Pond lost her long and courageous battle with cancer. Several of her friends in Hanover including Lynne Ramsey, Gail Parent, Ginny Gamble, Dot Adams and Mary-Alice Bancroft are heading up a scholarship committee for the newly-formed "Ann Morton Memorial Fund," which has already begun receiving donations.

Ann was a resident of Hanover for many years and served as president of the Gardner Roberts Memorial Library. A graduate of Gould Academy and University of Maine, Orono, Ann Morton was a committed educator and guidance counselor in the Rumford School system. In her role as counselor, Ann started a program for young girls encouraging them to aspire to opportunities beyond a high school education. Because this was one of Ann's "pet projects" some of her friends and relatives decided to form this scholarship in her memory. The scholarship will be awarded to a deserving graduating senior at Mountain Valley High School to further the recipient's education.

Donations are now being accepted. Checks may be made out to MVHS (Ann Morton Memorial Fund) and mailed to Mountain Valley High School, Hancock Street, Rumford Maine, 04276. Funds will be managed by the Maine Community Foundation, a non-profit organization of which Ann was a board member.

Last Saturday, Friends from Hanover Pines enjoyed a snowmobile ride to Black Mountain of Maine's Winter Fest. The annual festival included live music, ski racing, a scavenger hunt, ice fishing on the snowmaking pond and lots of good food. Great family fun!

As the use of snowmobile trails increases, memberships, donations and volunteerism to keep trails maintained and groomers running continue to dwindle sharply. Remember, if you are benefiting by the use of snowmobile trails in your surrounding towns, please consider becoming a member. Dues are reasonable and all proceeds help to fund the cost of trail maintenance and fuel for groomers. Snowmobile clubs are run by dedicated volunteers. Please consider joining a club or volunteering your time, or BOTH! It's fun and you will be doing your share to support the organizations who work hard to keep trails passable for your enjoyment throughout the season.

Hanover's Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, Joell Corey-Whitman's contract ends on April 2, 2014 and due to other obligations, Joell will not be able to continue to serve

for the Town. Anyone with experience and the qualifications who may be interested in this position should apply at the Town Office. Good luck, Joell, and thank you for your dedicated service to the Town of Hanover. You will be missed.

Other vacant town positions include Planning Board second alternate, RSU 10 Hanover Director, Tri-Town Solid Waste Member, and Recycle Board Member. The Select Board welcomes anyone interested in serving to inquire at the Town Office. The next meeting of the Select Board will be held Tuesday, March 18 at 6 p.m. at the Town Office.

Please send your news, comments and feedback to HanoverMENews@gmail.com.

### Upton

By JOE BERNIER



Sunday, March 9, will be the last regular breakfast at the Ladies Aid this season. The Ladies will, however, serve breakfast on most holiday weekend Sundays throughout the spring and summer.

April is fast approaching. Upton Historical will soon begin their monthly meetings. Their April meeting is important. It is the election meeting. The start of plans regarding Forest Lodge spring cleanup day, Upton Fun Day commitments, Forest Lodge tour(s) and other summer activities.

The State Line Snowmobile Club ride in/cookout at the "Sugar Shack" went well. Good crowd, great

food and wonderful hosts. I believe Charlotte will write more details and send them in to the Citizen to be in the Organization section.

Letter B Notch Riders will have their annual election meeting in April. They will discuss trails, bridges, signs, cookouts and potential club rides. Membership participation is essential.

The Upton Planning Board held its first meeting of 2014 on Friday, Feb. 28. They looked at the "final" revised codes. No one came in to request a building permit. There was one mail-in request. Their next meeting will be Friday, March 28.

The Selectmen will meet Tuesday, March 11 at the Town Office.

The crows are starting to holler. First sign that spring is coming?

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

### Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



And still the cold continues to come with temperatures below zero many nights/mornings. At least it warms up to 20 for a few hours then it is back down to 10 or below. This too shall pass. The

back of winter has to break soon. Everyone is running out of wood/oil/propane. It is time to think planting and putting our hands into dirt. Indoor planting doesn't give the same pleasure, although I am happy my cacti and flowing maples trees are flowering in the house. It breaks the white and dirt look that surrounds. I know Gertie is looking forward to some fresh greens. She looks for them every time she goes outside. She does that for longer periods each day. Even Lefty ventures out in the "heat" of the day. She mostly just sits on her perch and squawks at me to shut the door. Soon, soon.

This week has been so frigid I am ready to consider a vacation south of here. Maybe I'll visit one of my sisters. My brothers are in cold places, but Cindy is in Florida and Fran is in North Carolina. That is a little warmer than here. Maybe... In the meantime, I will continue to pile on the layers and brave it out.

Went to the seed swap/seed swap workshop put on by Alan Day Community Garden. It gives me hope. I also picked up some seeds to start my plants growing for the spring. Now we have to decide if we'll get more chickens or maybe

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another duck. A friend offered his male duck. That could give me ducklings. That might be fun. Have to look that up and find out what it entails. The girls might be jealous, but they would get over it.

Thursday, March 6, in Bethel, Cathi DiCoco will hold "Spring Into Spring with Colorful Foods" at West Parish Church on Church Street from 4:30 to 6. Sounds like fun. FMI: 824-2053

Then, from 7 to 8, there will be a public reading and reception by Spencer Reece at Bingham Auditorium at Guild Academy. It will be followed by an intimate reception by Spencer and Richard Blanco.

Saturday at 2 a.m. don't forget to turn your clocks forward and we spring forward.

Sunday, March 9, at 2 p.m. at the Wilkins House in Waterford, there will be a hand-stamped card class. All proceeds will go to the fuel fund to help Waterford residents who have an emergency need for fuel. FMI call Diane at 595-3361.

Take it slow and stay warm this week. They say the temperatures will moderate soon. HAH! If you have anything you would like me to cover here please call me at 743-0583. My cell phone is dead at the moment. Having trouble getting it changed, so all I have is the house phone.

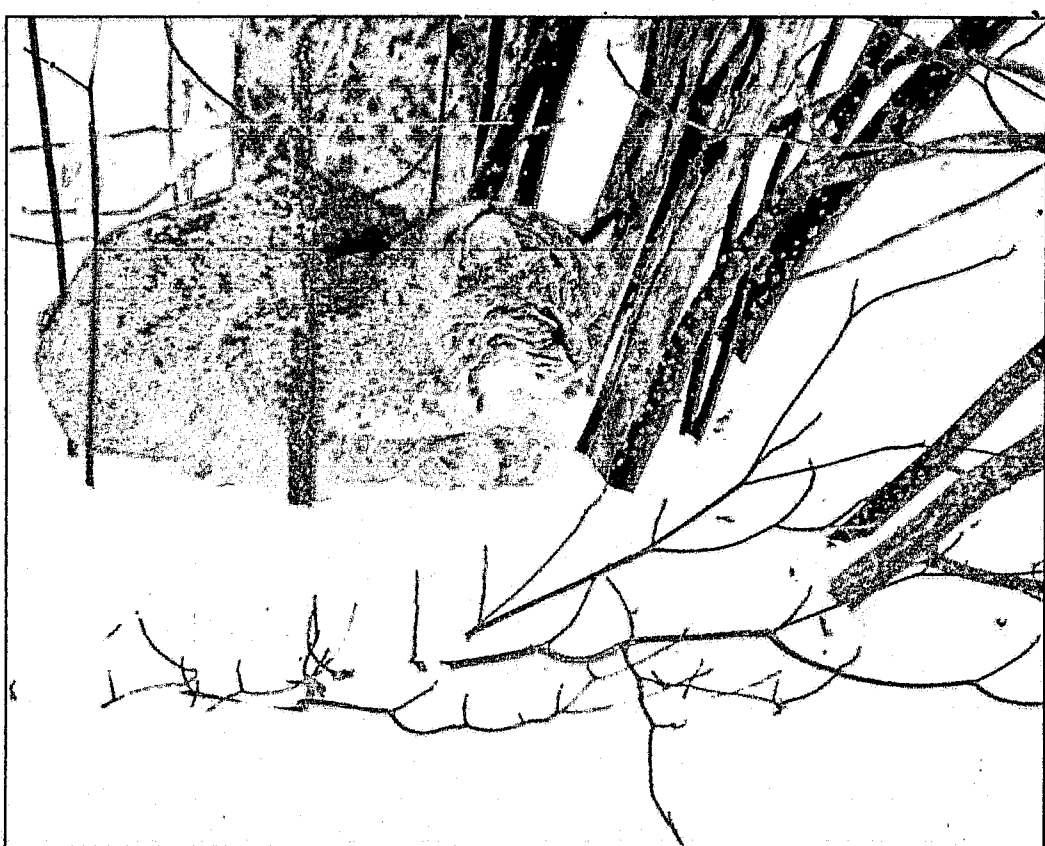
### Open Air

By Tom Remington

#### The Fuzzy, Long-Haired Creature

For any one of us who spends any amount of time in the woods, we see things; amazing things; wondrous things; unexplained things; first time seeing things. Those first time things can happen early on in a person's adventures over field and stream, or maybe much later on. It depends really on several things.

It was for me perhaps 20 years ago - time does fly by - I was deer hunting. It was early November, perhaps even late October. The air



**BOBCAT MAKES THE ROUNDS IN NEWRY**-This bobcat visited Rhonda Boker's yard in Newry last week.

was seasonably warm, the sky was bright and I was up for hiking.

I left hunting camp rather early in the morning. Real early was the norm once, but in later years I prefer rather early. I was headed for the top of the mountain. I had to find out if there were acorns in the massive oaks high above the valley. Deer eat acorns. I like to eat deer.

I reached the top of the mountain by mid-morning. Knowing my plans and the layout of the mountain, it was my intention to quietly hunt the length of the dog-legged mountain, generally following the spine.

I had made this hunt many times before in my life, and being a creature of habit, I wondered how many times I stepped in the same tracks I had stepped in over the past 20 years?

I reached the rock I always sit on for a spell, and sit I did. I hadn't been there long when from the crunchy, dry leaves toward the east slope and ledges, I could hear something running. Experienced hunters can learn

sounds and can determine running vs. walking, as well as easily tell big size from little size and two legs against four.

To me it sounded like something was running and coming in my direction. I thought it to have four legs; my heart rate accelerating, pounding a bit too in my ears, which reduces the keen function of them. Yes, definitely running; rather sure four legs but not all that big. Perhaps it was a small deer. A fawn. Where's my camera? I forgot it.

I watched and listened and around the corner of the ledge, of which my back was against, came an animal that appeared to me, including the tail that was nearly as long as the body, to be about 5 or 6 feet long. Was it longer than that? Maybe. I'm a hunter. I don't want to exaggerate...unless of course it embellishes the story and increases my chances of getting another article published. (I'll use the Joe Perham method of measuring caught fish; "I wouldn't say it was longer than 8 feet.")

Black as a boot, "no longer than" eight feet (five re-

ally), fuzzy as the fuzziest milkweed seed with long and thick black fur that appeared to be "no longer than" six or eight inches. What the...?

Puzzling for me because I was at least (yeah, I know, "No farther than") a mile uphill from the nearest body of water. What the...? I know! A melanistic, short-legged, long-tailed deer? Nope!

I watched it run out of sight, crossing, I wouldn't say more than eight feet, in front of me, and disappearing down over the west side of the mountain. What the...?

Upon returning to hunting camp, I conferred with the resident wildlife biologist who told me what I saw was an otter. "Nah!" I exclaimed. "I've seen many others before. This didn't look like no otter!"

But he was right. This was the first time I had seen an otter, apparently a long way from home, having managed to get his fur completely dry.

Please visit my website at [tomremington.com](http://tomremington.com) for other stories, outdoor news, photographs and more.

## AWRC works to remove trout barriers

NEWRY - The Androscoggin River Watershed Council (ARWC) is working with private landowners, businesses, and state agencies to remove barriers in the Sunday and Bear River Watersheds that block brook trout movement. Deformed or hanging ("perched") culverts and dams can prevent brook trout from accessing valuable habitat.

Western Maine boasts the largest remaining native population of Eastern Brook Trout in the United States. The fish once ranged in cool, high elevation streams along the Appalachian Mountains all the way south to Georgia but habitat disruption has greatly reduced their numbers. Even here, though, improperly set and sized culverts and other obstructions can endanger brook trout, a species that each year adds significantly to the local economy by attracting anglers from across the country.

In 2011, ARWC conducted a barrier assessment in the Sunday and Bear River Watersheds that looked at 141 sites. This evaluation was funded by the Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture, and was conducted in accordance with state and federal protocols. The information was added to a statewide database of fishery resources across Maine. Sites documented in the 2011 assessment included culverts in various states of disrepair, bridges, and the remains of log driving dams. ARWC subsequently prioritized barriers for removal or repair.

A remnant log driving dam on the main stem of the Sunday River in Riley Township was the top priority from the 2011 assessment. This structure, which created a three to four foot high, channel-spanning drop, was dismantled in September 2013. Removal was a joint project of ARWC, the Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Project SHARE, and the Androscoggin Valley Soil & Water Conservation District. It opened more than four miles of high quality habitat in the Sunday River headwaters to brook trout movement, migration and colonization.

Since then, ARWC continues to work with landowners and managers at other priority barrier sites to develop plans for removal or improvement. The 2011 assessment and current efforts to remove or improve barrier sites are non-regulatory. ARWC has no enforcement authority. All projects are entered into on a cooperative basis, and might be eligible for technical and financial assistance through public or private partnerships.

ARWC is always interested in investigating additional barrier sites that may have become problems in the years since the 2011 assessment. If you would like to discuss a barrier with ARWC, please call or email Jeff Stern, ARWC Environmental Planner, at 207-627-3126, [arwcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:arwcouncil@gmail.com).

## Western Maine Fly Fishing Expo set for March 22

Anglers anxiously awaiting the snow melt, ice out and the opening of fishing season can learn the latest fishing techniques and visit with guides, sporting camps and a variety of angling exhibitors at the Western Maine Fly Fishing Expo to be held Saturday, March 22 at the Bethel Inn Conference Center in Bethel Maine. The Expo runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is sponsored by The Mollycock

Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Admission is \$5 for adults and free for youth 15 and under.

Exhibitors include Maine and New Hampshire outfitters and guide services, sporting camps, wildlife artists and authors, The Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Casting for Recovery, equipment manufacturers and retailers. Attendees can learn the art of fly tying, rod building and wildlife photography. There will be seminars on getting started in fly fishing, and travel to destination fisheries and fly tying contests in different age and ability categories. Sponsors and exhibiting vendors are giving away dozens of door prizes every hour. This year all proceeds from an auction of items including guided trips, sporting camp vacations and fly fishing gear will go toward the construction of the Veterans Casting Platform at Songo Locks on Sebago Lake to benefit our wounded servicemen and women.

The Fly Fishing Film Tour, a nationwide movie tour featuring segments from the best fishing films of the year will cap off the day. The 2.5 hour movie "North of Wild" will be shown at 7 p.m. at The Bethel Inn Conference Center. Tickets are \$8 when purchased in advance at the Bethel Inn (207-824-3694) or \$12 at the door. The film was produced by Carter Davidson of Gray Ghost Productions. Carter is a Bethel native who grew up fishing in the western Maine region and has hand crafted his own wooden drift boat. Gray Ghost Productions has produced several fishing films including "The One," "Turning Tail," "The Good Life" and "East by North East."

Information on the event is available on line at [www.westernmaineflyfishingexpo.com](http://www.westernmaineflyfishingexpo.com).

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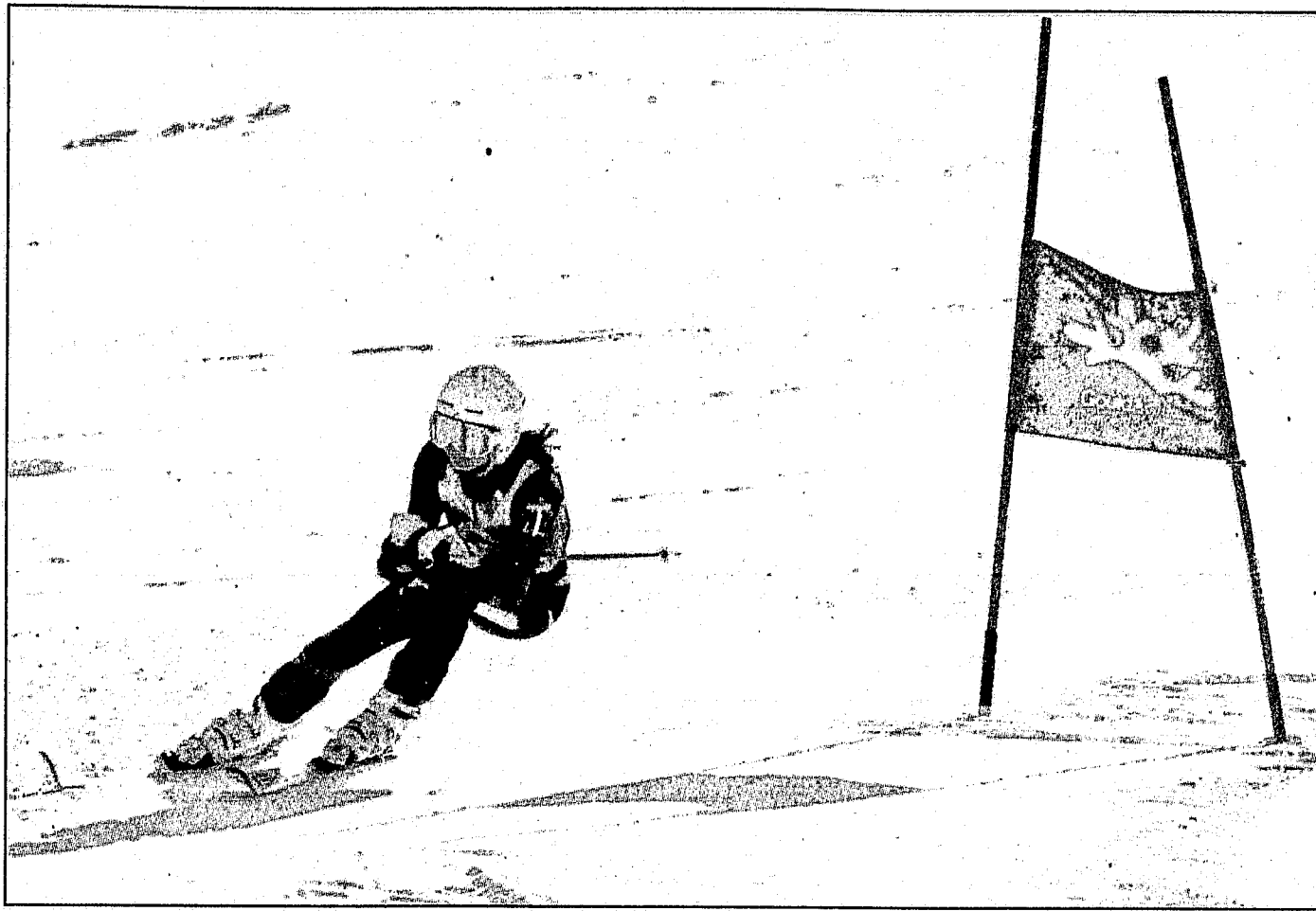
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**RACING REBEL**—The Telstar High School Alpine Ski team competed in the State Class C Championships at Sunday River last week. Here, Annalise Hawthorne from the girls' team nears the end of the giant slalom course. She finished 12th. For other results, see Page 10.

### Bethel Rec Basketball

The CPS gym will be open at 7 a.m. on March 8. The Skills Contest starts at 8 a.m. sharp.

1. Change direction, change hands dribble contest. Open to all.
2. Passing accuracy contest. Open to all.
3. Speed dribbling contest. Open to all.
4. Layup contest. Open to all.
5. Foul shooting contest. No more than three players from each team. Coaches will pick if necessary.

Round robin tournament will begin at 9 a.m., or directly after skills challenge. The seedings will be drawn out of a hat during the skills challenge. After the first two games are complete, the two losing teams will play each other for third place. The two winning teams will watch and support the consolation game and then play in the championship game immediately following. Bethel Rec will provide coffee, doughnuts and refreshments for players and fans. The day should end around 1 p.m.

Thanks to all parents, players, volunteer officials and volunteer high school coaches — who earned community service time for their efforts. Thanks also to Mr. Brown and the CPS custodial staff for the use of their gym. Thank you all for a wonderful season.

#### Do you have a Story idea?

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### Health Insurance Info Day at Bethel Rite Aid

If you are uninsured or even have insurance but your health care expenses keep piling up, come to the Bethel Rite Aid on Friday, March 21, anytime between 12 and 4 p.m. Bethel Family Health Center is hosting a Health Insurance Information Day where you can stop by and discover programs that can save you money on health care. With open enrollment for the Affordable Care Act's Health Insurance Marketplace ending March 31, now is the time to begin thinking about health care coverage!

Crystal Fitch, LSW; Emily Owen, AmeriCorps member; and Sara Tisherman, AmeriCorps VISTA member will be present to answer questions. Stop by to talk, pick up brochures and grab some great giveaways. After visiting the table, if you need additional help with enrollment onto the Health Insurance Marketplace, both Crystal and Emily are available to schedule a future appointment to complete the application.

The Bethel Rite Aid is located at 28 Mayville Road, Bethel.

Bethel Family Health Center is one of the 11 federally qualified health centers of HealthReach Community Health Centers. HealthReach has practices located throughout Central and Western Maine. We are dedicated to providing first-class healthcare to all individuals, therefore we accept Medicare, MaineCare and most major insurances. For individuals who are uninsured or underinsured, we offer a sliding fee program that will reduce costs for visits to our health centers. HealthReach is a private, non-profit organization that has been serving the communities of Maine for 39 years.

### Prime Time Ski Club news

This past week brought more great skiing at Sunday River ski area although the temperatures remained downright cold at times, especially when the wind was blowing from the north. The weather didn't stop too many Prime Time Ski Club members from skiing, however. Thank goodness for the Chondola, Sunday River's combination lift with one gondola car for every four six-person chair. A ride inside the gondola cabin does wonders to help you warm up and can usually help you get in a few runs on other lifts before heading back to the Chondola for yet another warm-up ride. Of course a stop in one of the lodges would also be helpful in thawing out but then you have to miss some of the great ski conditions.

Although March usually makes some of us start to think about the end of the ski season, others are already thinking about next year — for ski equipment anyway. March is when most ski clothes and equipment go on sale — making it a good time to buy for next year. This might be a good time to get a bargain on new ski boots. Ski experts agree that boots are the most important piece of ski equipment so it's worth spending extra time and energy to find a boot that is comfortable and allows for proper performance. Your boots are your only way of translating your body's intentions to your skis so a precise fit is important for control and performance.

Boots should be fitted by a qualified technician who can advise on the correct equipment with consideration of a skier's unique needs such as high arches, wide or narrow feet, knee issues and skiing ability. Custom footbeds, available through most ski shops, offer support for the entire foot, take up extra volume in the boot and can help hold the foot in a neutral position for better side-to-side weight distribution. A well-made pair of footbeds

can last a long time and be transferred from one pair of boots to the next. Rarely can anyone ski well or comfortably in a boot directly off the shelf — boots usually need to be tweaked for both comfort and performance by the boot fitter after you ski on them for a few days.

Many skiers tend to buy boots that are too big. Remember that the foam used for padding inside the boot will compress with use, so what seems like a very snug fit in a new boot will become more relaxed after each day of skiing. After about 100 days of use, boots will pack down enough so they no longer fit snugly and can't be buckled tight enough for good performance, signaling time for new boots.

One of our members skied with boots for two seasons before she found out that the boot did not allow her to flex her ankles, a necessity for today's skiing technique. After a visit to a boot fitter, two heel lifts in each boot changed the position of her feet in the boot, allowing her to flex her ankles to keep her weight forward more easily while skiing. Other members have had their boots canted, an exterior addition or subtraction to the boot, to help with alignment and effective edging. We are lucky to have so many ski shops to choose from in the Sunday River area so stop by one of them for a boot check — your feet and your technique will thank you.

Whether you have new boots or not, why not join Prime Time Ski Club members every weekday at North Peak Lodge at 10 a.m. (upper level, right-hand side). After a brief time for announcements, members (who are 50 years or older) usually break into small groups of from four to eight skiers, based primarily on skiing ability and terrain preference. Check out our website at [www.primetimeskiclub.com](http://www.primetimeskiclub.com) or just show up at North Peak Lodge and ski a few runs with us and make some new friends.

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# Sports Results

## High School Alpine Skiing

**Class C State Races; Feb. 27 and 28** – The Telstar HS Alpine Team completed their season by participating in the state races held at Sunday river. Day one was giant slalom. Annalise Hawthorne led the Lady Rebels with a strong 12th place finish. Gabi Stone came in 17th and Anna Tyrina was in 25th. Greg Wheeler led the boys coming in 8th place. Aaron Speakman was right behind him in 9th. Nick Johnson was 12th, Liam Gallagher 13th and Josh Eliot 15th. "I think we skied well today. We were competitive."

Day two was the slalom event. Both the Rebel boys and girls struggled a little with this. Gabi Stone led the ladies in 16th. Annalise Hawthorne came in 21st with Anna Tyrina right behind her in 22nd. The boys were led by Aaron Speakman in 18th. Josh Eliot was right behind in 19th and Liam Gallagher in 20th.

Liam Gallagher came in 2nd place for the boy skimeisters and Gabi Stone came in 3rd for the girl skimeisters. In order to compete in the skimeisters racers need to place in all four events; Alpine – giant slalom and slalom. Nordic – skate and classic.

"We've seen some good improvements this year. I think we proved to the other teams that we can be competitive and we will definitely be in the run for the championship next year, especially since the entire team will be back again. Great season!" – Coach Eliot

## Mountain Valley Rec Basketball

**Feb. 26** – Jay (3-7) had to forfeit to Tommy Guns (4-6), due to lack of players. Bethel (5-5) beat Neptune GC (0-9) 75-60 in a lethargically played make-up game. Bethel did just enough to finish off Neptune, who despite being winless showed flashes of competitive spirit. However, too many turnovers and faulty defense allowed Bethel to slide by. Bethel was led by Dom Haines with 23

points. Captain Ryan Kimball had 17 and Wade Osgood 13 points. Neptune was led by Mike Leclerc with 5 threes and 17 points, Tom Leclerc with 12 and Craig Jacques with 10 points.

**March 2** – Jay tightened the pack for third through sixth place in the MV Rec Basketball League, by beating Bethel 71-66 in a hard fought battle. Jay (4-7) has played well lately, but struggles for consistency. They managed to keep their composure and overtake Bethel (5-6) who led for two-thirds of the game. Wes Sexton had a very strong game inside and on the boards and led the victors with 34 points. Wes Murphy added 20 more, three from behind the arc. Bethel got 21 tough points from Wade Osgood and 15 from Corey Howard.

Laid Back Installers (9-2) remained solidly in second place with Ranor (10-0) idle by outlasting Archie's (4-6) 79-69. LBI's captain Brian Canwell led with 21 points and 3 threes, Chris Baxter had 19, Eric Canwell had 15 and Glen Dubois finished with 11 points. Archie's, who has the ability to play with any team in the league, saw Mike Holmquist throw in 28 points, Cody St. Germain 21 and Kevin Prevost had 14 points.

Tommy Guns (5-6) allowed Neptune CG (0-10) to play with them for a little more than a half, then opened up the big calibers and cruised to a 97-65 victory. Neptune kept pace for a while, but the bigger, stronger T-Guns wore their opponents down. The winners were led by Dave St. Germain with 28 points, Tim Turner had 21 points and 3 threes, Colby Knapp had 19 points, Steve Wood 15 and Trevis Knapp 10.

With make-up games on Wednesday, March 5, Sunday, March 9, will be the last regular season games followed by playoffs on March 16 and 19 and the championship on March 23. Follow the league on Facebook or [www.mvrbl.webs.com](http://www.mvrbl.webs.com).

The 2014 Mountain Valley Rec Basketball League In-

vitational Tournament will take place on March 28, 29 and 30. This well-known and popular event is hosted by The MV Rec Basketball League for the benefit of The Mountain Valley Athletic Boosters. This venerable tournament was started in the early 1980s by Mike DeRaps as the Mike's Pub N Grub Tournament and later changed to the Sarge's Pub N Grub Tournament in the late 1990s. It was brought to the Rumford area in 2001 and has had a continued following since its Rangeley days.

The tournament has two men's divisions, A and B, and is made up of up to ten teams per division, determined by competitive level of play. The entry fee is \$350 before March 14 and \$375 after. A women's division, which has been inactive since 2000, is being reestablished with at least six teams. Its entry fee is \$250 before March 14 and \$275 thereafter. The tournament is round robin format with three games on Friday night and Saturday morning and afternoon. There will be a playoff round for the top four teams in each division on Sunday. Games will be played at Mountain Valley High School, Mountain Valley Middle School and River Valley (Mexico) Rec Center. Referees, Scorers and Timers are provided. In addition there will be shooting contests throughout the weekend, including foul shooting and three-point shooting. There could also be a dunk contest and spot shot/trick shot contest as interest pertains.

The weekend's evening entertainment will be provided and sponsored by Hotel Rumford, with food and drink specials, giveaways and T-shirt sales. The Mountain Valley Athletic Boosters will have food and drinks available at courtside. Sponsorships, ads including website and court displayed ad/banners (displayed throughout the year) are available to support the tournament. Please visit [www.mvrbl.webs.com](http://www.mvrbl.webs.com) and click on MV Rec Tournament for more information, or contact league commissioner Eddie Paterson, [epaterson2@roadrunner.com](mailto:epaterson2@roadrunner.com) or 207-364-9352.

# Telstar 2013-2014 Basketball

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**TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL**  
Front: Tyler Cherkis, Austin Ryerson, Nik Conrad. Middle: Avry Griffin, Brandon Dougherty, Zach Stone, Noah Rose, Maverik Griffin. Back: Coach Mark Thurlow, Josh Crosby, Bronson Dean, Jeremiah Richardson, Tanner Wheeler, Mike Dougherty, Coach Ryan Kimball.



**TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL J.V. BOYS' BASKETBALL**  
Front: Avry Griffin, Josh Crosby, Zach Stone, Noah Rose. Back: Brandon Dougherty, Jeremiah Richardson, Tanner Wheeler, Coach Ryan Kimball.



**TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL**  
Front: Natasha Hart, Annie Cushman, Dora Pilgram, Blair Stevens, Jessie Kelly, Becca Howard, Tori Ryerson. Back: Coach Scott Haines, Casey Blaszcak, Crystelle Head, Savanna Patenaude, Caitlin Haines, Alyssa Brands, Haley Peterson, Coach Brian Mills.



**TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL**  
Front: Wyatt Williamson, Zach Hill, Brett Hastings, Boston Ludden, Finn McLaughlin. Middle: Tyler Hill Will Laflamme, Nicholas Driscoll. Back: Coach David Hanson, Aaron Vermette, Jarrett Bean, Matt Morin, Blake Rothwell, Coach Tim O'Connor.



**TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL**  
Front: Peyton Abbott, Caroline Finley, Olivia Chappie, Brooke Carson, Kylie Martin. Back: Coach Dave Berry, Hannah Evans, Sadie Richardson, Jillian Thielbar, Brooke Richardson, Julia Cherkis.



**TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL J.V. GIRLS' BASKETBALL**  
Front: Crystal Chapman, Nicole Tribble, Samantha Miller, Georgla Plawlock, Aneah Bartlett, Krysten Morse. Back: Coach Dave Berry, Calla Orino, Luci Rothwell, Madison Roberts, Caroline Newell, Nicole Berry, Manager Kaiti Turnick.

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# Wait What

**We can Do More:** Addressing the needs of LGBT Youth and Dating Violence

For eighteen years I was a high school teacher. At school, I was privy to hundreds of dating stories and witnessed countless public displays of affection. As a trusted adult, I often acted as relationship counselor. Of course, with teenage love and lust, came heartache and heartbreak, but also realizing that a few relationships were unhealthy. There were the occasional restraining orders, pleas from parents to keep so-and-so away from their child, and I remember even going into a lock-down because an angry ex-boyfriend threatened to drive-by our school and shoot people.

The most shocking story came from one of my favorite students. As it was happening, I was blind to their circumstances. I saw them as a strong and independent person, not someone in a violent teenage relationship. Eventually our distinct, yet parallel personal issues came to light. I was in the process "coming out" and going through a divorce, when the student began sharing with me their struggle as a survivor of a dating violence.

One day they let me read an essay written for English class. In graphic detail, the student described the repeated use of force, power, and violence, both physical and emotional, used against them. I was heartbroken, and felt guilty that I hadn't recognized the signs earlier. Like most adults, I was unaware that nearly 1.5 million high school students nationwide experience physical abuse from a dating partner during a given year.

Attention on violence involving (LGBT) lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth, focuses almost entirely on bullying and harassment, while ignoring the fact that these vulnerable youth are also at an increased risk of dating violence. These new findings finally shed some light on an issue not often talked about. Not only are many schools and law enforcement officials unaware of this problem, they're not prepared or trained to react and respond accordingly with the appropriate seriousness and sensitivity to the unique needs of this community.

In many ways, domestic violence in LGBT relationships is the same as in non-LGBT relationships, with the purpose to maintain control and

power over one's partner, but there are important differences. Abuse can be simple, yet still emotionally crippling, like the threat of outing a partner at school, work or to friends and family, thus endangering their lives and jobs. Trying to utilize services, such as a shelter, guidance counselor, or even a calling crisis line, can mean lying or hiding the gender of the batterer. If people "come-out" to providers and administrators who are not discreet with confidential personal information; the consequences can be catastrophic.

Results from a recent GLSEN (Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network) school climate survey demonstrate that Maine schools are not safe for many LGBT students. Thirty percent of these students have been physically and sexually harassed at school. It's upsetting, yet not surprising, (having been there myself), that LGBT teens are up to seven times more likely to attempt suicide than their straight counterparts. This is not to say all LGBT youth are unhappy or suffer from mental illnesses, in fact most will thrive, especially with an understanding and sup-

portive community and family. These statistics illustrate that LGBT youth have additional, yet not insurmountable barriers during the trials of adolescence. We can do more. And together we can make a difference to end dating violence.

Gia Drew, Program Coordinator, EqualityMaine Board of Directors, GLSEN-Southern Maine Board of Directors, Maine Transgender Network

Resources: GLBTQ Domestic Violence Project/Boston 1-800-832-1901. www.glbtqdv.org

The Trevor Project - National Crisis Intervention & Suicide Prevention to LGBTQ Youth 1-866-488-7386 www.thetrevorproject.org

For more information about the Oxford County Domestic Violence Task Force, please contact Diane at 364-9908 or dgallagher@safevoices.org.

If you or someone you know needs assistance, please call: Safe Voices; 24 hr. free and confidential helpline 800-559-2927 www.safevoices.org.

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services: 800-871-7741 www.Sapars.org.

Or contact your local police department: 9-1-1 for emergency only.

## West Paris Universalist March services

Worship services at the First Universalist Church of West Paris are thought-provoking, sprinkled with humor, and always inspirational. We invite you to come in from the cold March winds. All are welcomed to attend, Sundays at 9 a.m. followed by refreshments. Our services are presented with a combination of guest speakers and Worship Service Committee members.

March 9, "Comparing/Contrasting 'Amazing Grace' and Our Seven Principles" led by Nancy Willard with the Worship Service Committee.

March 16, "The Sermon on the Mount" led by the Reverend Fayre Stephenson.

Webster's defines stewardship as "the conducting, supervising, or managing of something; especially the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care." This service will focus on a consideration of our stewardship of First Universalist Church, the spiritual community entrusted to our care.

March 23, "Crazy Love" led by The Reverend Kate Braestrup, who is welcomed back once again to lead our service. She is a community minister, law enforcement chaplain and the author of the New York Times bestselling memoir, "Here If You Need Me, Marriage and Other Acts of Charity, and Beginner's Grace: Bringing Prayer to Life."

March 30, "Songs of Freedom" led by The Reverend Fayre Stephenson. This service is inspired by Bob Marley's reggae music, the Rastafarians, and Liberation Theology. Come hear about the music, sing some freedom songs, and find out what all of this has to do with us.

For more information about the church and services, please call Marta Clements, 674-2143. You can also visit <http://www.uua.org/> to learn more about Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**District Exchange;** Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours - No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

**Bethel Area Food Pantry;** Open the second Monday of each month, 12 to 8 p.m. Located in the basement of the Nazarene Church at the corner of Park and Church Streets in Bethel. Serving the towns of Bethel, Greenwood, Upton, Albany, Gilead, West Bethel, Mason and Milton Townships and Hanover. No appointment necessary. Questions: 824-0369.

### Thursday, March 6

**"Spring into Spring with Colorful Foods" with Cathi DiCocco;** 4:30 to 6 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church hall, 32 Church Street, Bethel. Cooking demonstration, tasty samples and recipes. Public invited. Free admission. A WMSC "To Your Health presentation." FMI: R. Tift (824-2053).

**WES PTA Meeting;** 6 to 7:30 p.m., Woodstock Elementary School library.

**Public Reading and Reception with Spencer Reece;** 7 to 8 p.m., Bingham Auditorium, Gould Academy. The reading will be followed by an intimate reception with Spencer Reece and Richard Blanco. FMI: [www.gouldacademy.org](http://www.gouldacademy.org).

### Friday, March 7

**World Day of Prayer;** 2 p.m., West Bethel Union Church. This year's program, "Streams in the Desert," was prepared by the committee in Egypt.

**Forestry Program;** 6:30 p.m., West Paris Public Library. Guest speaker: Forestry Consultant Donald Feehey. Sponsored by the West Paris Partnership to Celebrate Maine in the Woods. FMI: 674-2004.

### March 8 and 9

**Winter Kids Downhill 24;** The Downhill 24 benefits Winter Kids. Teams compete to see how can ski the most laps in 24 hours. There is live music, Zumba and other events during the 24 hour event. Last year over \$42,000 was raised. FMI/registration: [www.winterkids.org](http://www.winterkids.org).

### Saturday, March 8

**Bethel Rec Basketball Tournament;** Crescent Park School. Doors open at 7 a.m., Skills Competition starts at 8 a.m., followed by a round robin tournament.

**MLT Whitecap Gourmet Hike;** 9 a.m., Whitecap trailhead, East Andover Road, Rumford. This will be a strenuous hike, requiring ice creepers, poles and a bit of stamina. Please bring water, a gourmet dish to share and your own eating utensils. FMI/registration: 207-824-3806 or [mlt@mahoosuc.org](mailto:mlt@mahoosuc.org).

**On Our Own School Group Public Hearing;** 10 a.m., Andover Town Hall. Subject: Andover school withdrawal.

**Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club Meeting;** 1 p.m., Oxford County Extension Center, 9 Olson Road, South Paris. Speaker: Commercial bee keeper Tony Bachelor. Topic: Feeding bees in the winter and ordering nucs. Public is welcome. FMI: Kevin Farr ([farrout@roadrunner.net](mailto:farrout@roadrunner.net)).

**Telstar Softball Movie Night;** Doors open at 4 and 6:40 p.m., Telstar Auditorium. "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2" will be showing at 4:30 and "Thor - The Dark World" will be showing at 7. Cost: \$1 per movie. Refreshments will be served. Proceeds to benefit the softball team's spring training trip to North Carolina.

**Woodstock Historical Society Meeting;** 6 p.m., Woodstock Town Office Complex (weather permitting). Following the business meeting, Mr. Ben Conant of the Paris Cape Historical Society will present a program on the life of Winfield Scott Ripley (1839-1924). Mr. Ripley, a famous composer, was originally from the Oxford Hills area. The public is welcome to attend. FMI: 875-3800.

**Bethel Rotary Beer and Wine Tasting;** 6 to 8 p.m., Whitecap Lodge, Sunday River. \$30 per person, includes an assortment of choice wines, beers and appetizers provided by the Good Food Store. FMI/tickets: 824-2808.

**Swingin' Bears Square Dance Club Dance;** 7 to 10 p.m., Oxford Hills Middle School cafeteria, 100 Pine Street, South Paris. Walt Bull will be the caller of Mainstream and Plus Level dances and Carol Stewart Arsenal will cue the Round Dancing. Door prizes, 50/50 and refreshments during intermission. Admission: \$6. Eleanor Herrick (782-4050) or [www.squaredance.me.us](http://www.squaredance.me.us).

**Jones Dance Band;** 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Old fashioned dance music. Adults: \$5.

### Sunday, March 9

**Stampin' Up Party Fundraiser;** 2 p.m., Wilkins Community House, Plummer Hill, Waterford Flat. Dianne Morse-Leonard, a Stampin' Up Demonstrator, will make available five different designs and you will make 10 cards for \$25. Scrapbook page options are available. Proceeds to benefit the Waterford Congregational Church's Fuel Fund. Please RSVP no later than March 2. FMI/RSVP: Dianne (595-3361).

### Monday, March 10

**Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over;** 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

### Wednesday, March 12

**Bethel Senior Citizens Club Meeting;** 11 a.m., Crosstone Restaurant, Woodstock. Reservations must be made before March 1 by calling Arlene Lowell at 824-2877. Dinner (chicken or fish): \$10.

**On Our Own School Group Public Hearing;** 6p.m., Andover Town Hall. Subject: Andover school withdrawal.

### Thursday, March 13

**Library Program;** 2 p.m., Whitman Memorial Library. Jack Richardson of Paris, a retired special agent with the FBI, will be the guest. Jack will be talking about his time with the FBI and will also speak of some current programs. Open to the public at no charge. Light refreshments will be served. Snow date: April 13.

**Small Business Shoe Box Party;** 3 to 5 p.m., White Mountains Community College, 2020 Riverside Drive, Berlin, N.H. Free seminar to help small business owners get started with a system to keep records sorted, organized and up to date. FMI/registration: Joyce Presby (603-717-5457 or [jpresby@ccsnh.edu](mailto:jpresby@ccsnh.edu)).

**Participatory Mapping Event;** 6 p.m., Grand Summit Hotel. There will be large-format maps of area streets and roads where attendees are invited to map out where they ride and walk and what can be done to improve those routes. FMI: Gabe Perkins ([info@mahoosucpathways.org](mailto:info@mahoosucpathways.org)) or Healthy Oxford Hills (739-6222).

### Friday, March 14

**St. Kieran's St. Patrick's Day Dinner Fundraiser;** 6 p.m., Town & Country Inn and Resort, Shelburne, N.H. Tickets: \$25.

### Saturday, March 15

**Food Growing Workshop;** 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., Oxford County Cooperative Extension Office. Presentation by Linda Titus of AgMatters on implementing a food safety and traceability plan. \$10. FMI/registration: 743-6329 or [lesley.quick@maine.edu](mailto:lesley.quick@maine.edu).

**Andover Town Meeting;** Town Hall, 9 a.m.

**Wild West Festival;** Mt. Abram. Live country music with Johnny Crashed (2 to 5 p.m.) and the Tina Kelly Band (5 to 8 p.m.) and a mechanical bull.

**Full Moon Hike;** 5 p.m., Mt. Abram. Skis and boards will be transported to the top so hikers can ski or ride back down following the hike.

**Jones Dance Band;** 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Old fashioned dance music. Adults: \$5.

### Tuesday, March 18

**Andover Elections;** 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Town Hall.

### March 19 and 26, April 2 and 9

**Lenten Luncheon Series;** 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Six area churches will take turns providing a soup lunch. Following lunch, a reflection on the theme, "Spiritual Journey" will be given. Each church will take a turn providing lunch, but all sessions will be at the Congregational Church. Donations for the lunch will be given to the Bethel Food Pantry. All are welcome!

### Wednesday, March 19

**The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia and Alzheimer's;** 2 to 4 p.m., Fryeburg Public Library, 515 Main Street, Fryeburg. Free program presented by the Maine Alzheimer's Association for anyone who would like to learn more about Alzheimer's and related dementias. Pre-registration required. FMI/registration: [bkirkpatrick@alz.org](mailto:bkirkpatrick@alz.org), 772-0115 or 800-272-3900.

### Thursday, March 20

**Clarinets for Conservation Quartet;** 7:30 p.m., Gorham Congregational Church, 143 Main Street, Gorham, N.H. The performance will feature classical and contemporary works for clarinet quartet by Jean Francaix, Alfred Uhl, and Brett Wery. FMI: 603-326-3242 or [www.musicgnw.org](http://www.musicgnw.org).

### Friday, March 21

**Health Insurance Information Day;** 12 to 4 p.m., Bethel Rite Aid. Stop by to ask questions, pick up brochures, and pick up giveaways. Crystal Fitch, LSW and Emily Owen and Sara Tisherman of AmeriCorps will be present to answer questions about saving money on healthcare and schedule appointments for help with Health Insurance Marketplace enrollment.

### Saturday, March 22

**Farm Pond Construction/Trout Stocking Workshop;** Oxford County Extension Center, Olson Road, South Paris. Presentation by Candace Gilpatrick, NRCS Agricultural Engineer at 10 a.m. Presentation by Sonny Pierce of Shy Beaver Hatchery at 12:30 p.m. Workshop fee: \$10 (lunch included). FMI/registration: [jean.federico@me.nacdn.net](mailto:jean.federico@me.nacdn.net) or 743-5789, ext. 111.

**Jones Dance Band;** 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Old fashioned dance music. Adults: \$5.

### Monday, March 24

**Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over;** 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

**Woodstock Town Meeting;** 7 p.m., Woodstock Elementary School.

### Wednesday, March 26

**Community Supper (No Charge);** 4:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). FMI: 824-2289.

**DASH Diet Workshop;** 5:30 to 7 p.m., Ripley Medical Building's Harper Conference Center, 193 Main Street, Norway. Presented by SMH dietitian, Pat Watson, this free workshop will provide information on the DASH Diet to lower high blood pressure. FMI/Registration: 743-1562 ext. 6896.

### Saturday, March 29

**Gilead Town Meeting;** 7 p.m., Town Hall.

**Jones Dance Band;** 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Old fashioned dance music. Adults: \$5.

### Sunday, March 30

**SAD 44 Ski Free Day;** Sunday River Ski Resort. Free lift ticket, free rental, free adult learn to ski/ride clinic. 50 percent food and beverage discount.

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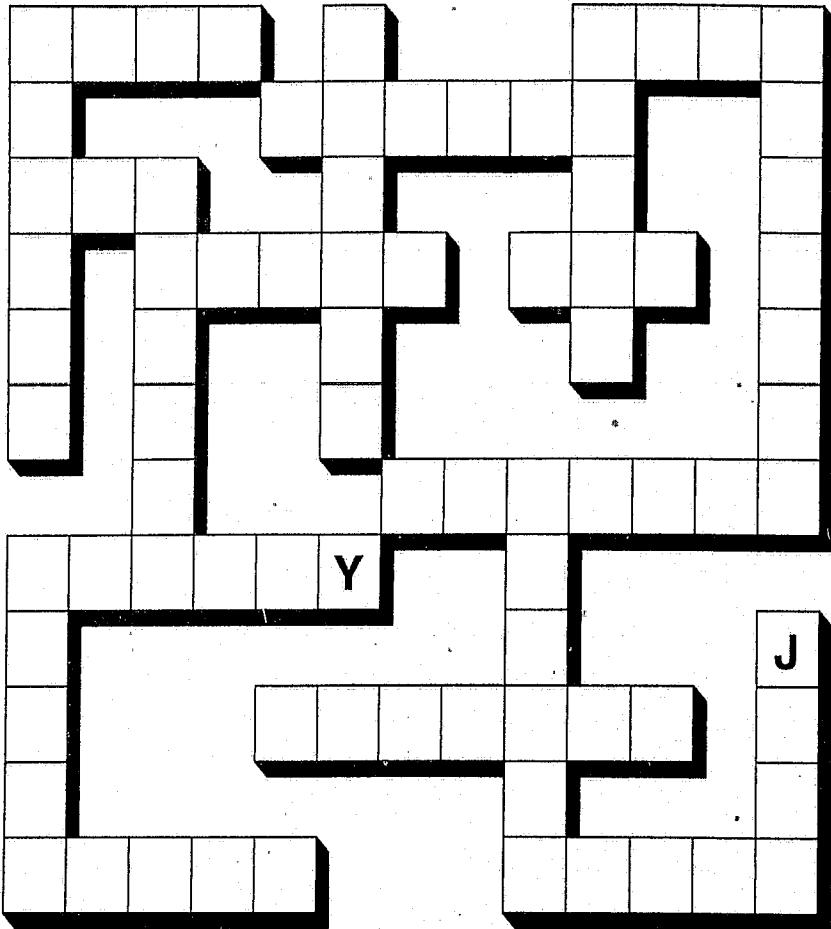
# Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

## CRISSCROSS - "AD" WORDS

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

- 3 Letters  
ADS  
FAD
- 4 Letters  
BEAD  
JADE  
ROAD
- 5 Letters  
ADULT  
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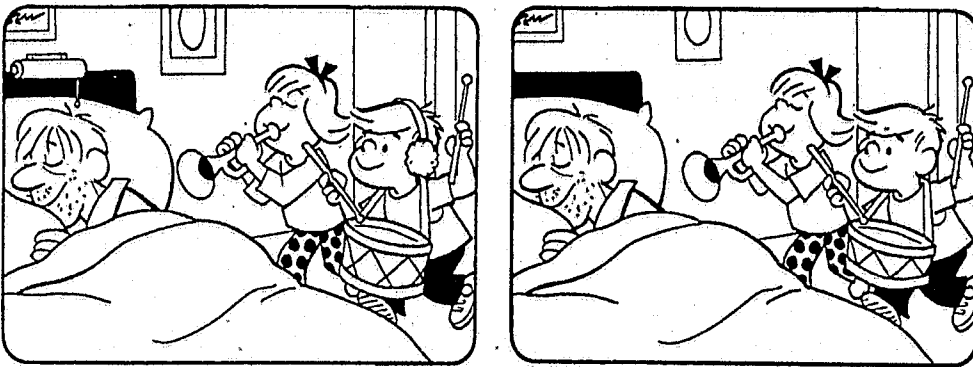


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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



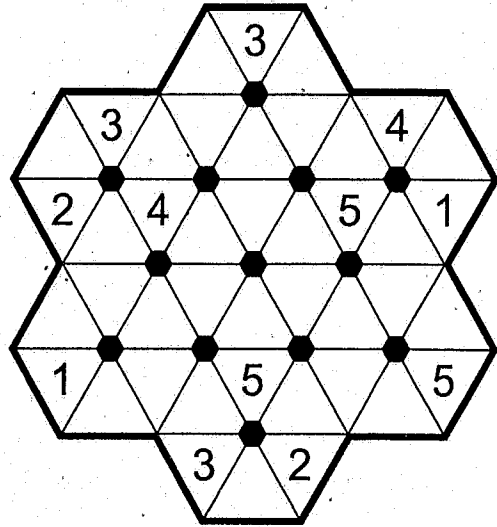
Differences:  
1. Bed lamp is missing. 2. Picture is smaller. 3. Pillow is different.  
4. Sleeves are shorter. 5. Earmuffs are missing. 6. Drum is smaller.

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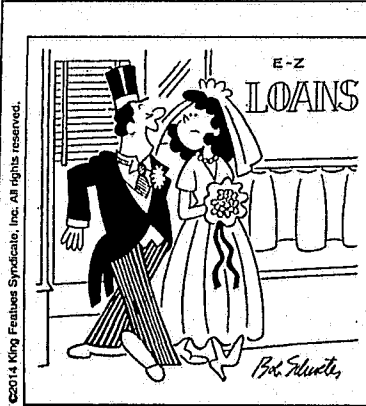
## SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



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## SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Cringe  
**C R O W E**   

Vast  
**A D O R B**   

Tired  
**D A G G A R H**   

Copy  
**C O L E N**   

"Well, that takes care of the something \_\_\_\_\_!"

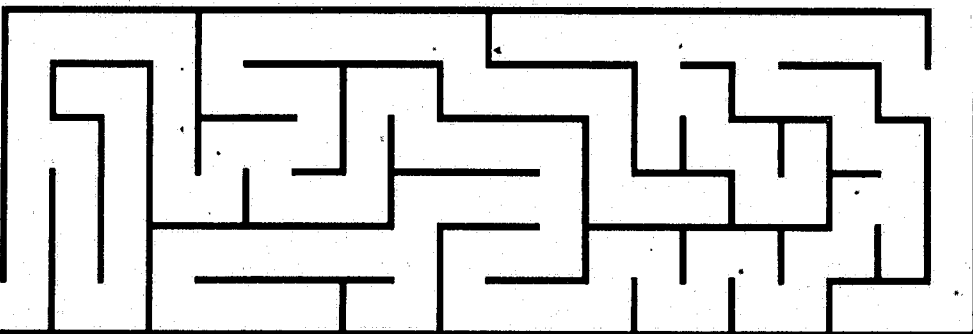
TODAY'S WORD

## Super Crossword

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| <b>ACROSS</b><br>1 Pronoun in many letter greetings<br>5 Psi preceeder<br>8 Involuntary twitches<br>14 Differently (having other skills)<br>19 Of Earth's largest landmass<br>21 Berate loudly<br>22 "Spider-Man 3" director<br>23 1978 hit for the Commodores<br>25 Un, deux, ...<br>26 Ambush<br>27 2008 hit for Miley Cyrus<br>29 Added lubricant to<br>32 Gaffer's peg<br>34 Water, in Toulouse<br>35 Angriiness<br>36 1961 hit for the Diamonds<br>43 Audacious<br>45 Indy vehicle<br>46 Clumsy sort<br>48 "There be any doubt ..."<br>49 Makes a sweater, e.g.<br>52 Sliding-glass auto option | <br>55 — Tzu<br>59 Thus far<br>61 1957 hit for Jim Reeves<br>65 Certain chairmaker<br>67 Lowly laborers<br>70 — José<br>71 VI halved<br>72 Statement before singing each hit featured in this puzzle?<br>78 — v. Wade<br>79 Prefix with con<br>80 Get a goal<br>81 "Max" (2008 noir action film)<br>82 1967 hit for the Lovin' Spoonful<br>86 Drank sherry, e.g.<br>89 Football throw<br>90 "C'mon, this way"<br>93 Very cushy course<br>95 U.S. island territory<br>98 Pay attention suddenly<br>100 Gifts for calligraphers<br>105 Nine-item group | <br>108 1965 hit for the Beatles<br>111 Henpeck<br>112 FBI's govt. division<br>114 Perfect rating<br>115 Eli — (drug giant)<br>116 1986 hit for Stacey Q<br>122 Alias<br>125 "CSI: Miami"<br>126 1946 hit for Frank Sinatra<br>131 Clear away<br>132 French for "brothers"<br>133 Person giving ear<br>134 Siestas, say<br>135 Sequence<br>136 Jet to JFK, once<br>137 Tiger sound | <br>10 Everyone, in Essen<br>11 Czech, Pole, or Serb<br>12 Concocled<br>13 Jule of songwriting<br>14 Tennis great<br>15 Port of Italy<br>16 Hero-worship<br>17 Defectors<br>18 Have a minority view<br>20 Elder, e.g.<br>24 Observant<br>28 Indent key<br>29 "Ouch!" kin<br>30 — fog (lost)<br>31 The, to René<br>33 U.S. lang.<br>37 "Give that — cigari"<br>38 Some hosp. scans<br>39 "How dry —"<br>40 Mop & —<br>41 Horse's foot<br>42 Up — good<br>44 Sporty Italian auto, briefly<br>47 Have faith in<br>50 Bit of errata<br>51 Foreteller<br>53 Port of Algeria<br>54 Admit (to)<br>55 Lasting blemishes<br>56 Capital of Vietnam | <br>57 Back-of-the-book list<br>58 Chick's mother<br>60 He-cats<br>62 Tripoli locale<br>63 Some bank holdings<br>64 Is a father to<br>66 Infomercial gadget brand<br>68 Bronx loc.<br>69 With 84-Down, icy carnival treat<br>73 Not sick<br>74 Dummies<br>75 County east of Sandusky<br>76 TV warrior princess<br>77 Atlas part<br>83 "For the life —"<br>84 See 69-Down<br>85 "The Bridge on the River —" (war film)<br>87 Get a glimpse of<br>88 Coloring agents<br>91 Stat of gas consumption<br>92 King James Bible suffix<br>94 Careful examiner<br>95 Less severe<br>96 Oblivious | <br>97 Silky-haired rabbits<br>99 Baseball legend Mel<br>101 Pool party?<br>102 Potentially shocking fish<br>103 — Aviv<br>104 Plane's place<br>106 Product-pitching costs<br>107 Homer Simpson's utterance<br>109 College list maintainer<br>110 Rescinds<br>113 Gordon and Bridges<br>117 Unseat<br>118 Million or billion ender<br>119 Vacationer in a camper, informally<br>120 Garr of the screen<br>121 "Peter Pan" character<br>123 Soufling Redding<br>124 Bird's berth<br>127 Particular mag.<br>128 Yoko from Tokyo<br>129 Stephen of film<br>130 Flub up |
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## Kids' Maze

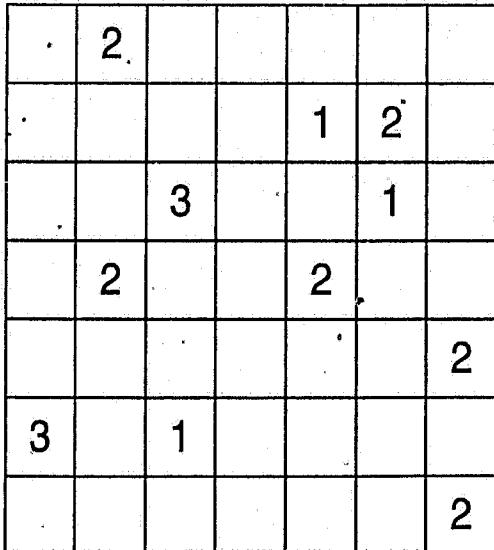


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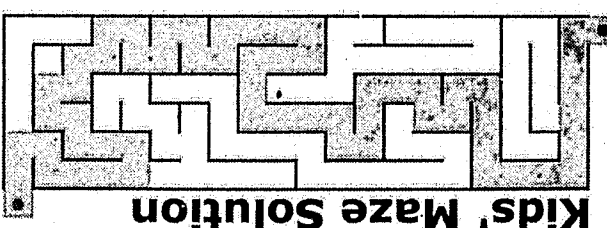
## Star★Map

By Linda Thistle

Draw a star in exactly 10 of the empty squares in the diagram so that each numbered square accurately indicates how many immediately adjacent squares (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) contain a star.



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Kids' Maze Solution

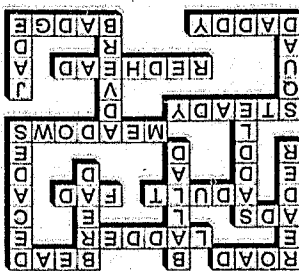
## BORROWED

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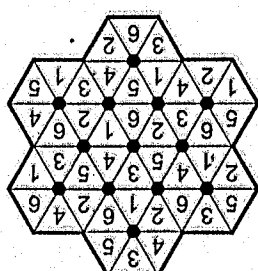
3. Haggard; 4. Clone

1. Coward; 2. Broad

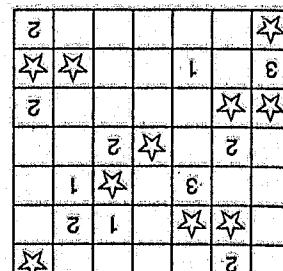
SCRAMBLERS



Puzzles4Kids Answer



SNOWFLAKES



Star★Map

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# First Blanco program writer to give public reading

Poet Spencer Reece, the first participating writer in the Richard Blanco Visiting Writers Program and Retreat at Gould Academy, will give a public reading of his work on Thursday, March 6 from 7 to 8 p.m. in Bingham Auditorium at Gould Academy. The event is free.

Inaugural Poet Richard Blanco will introduce Reece at the event. Following the reading, the public is welcome to a reception with both poets and a book signing with Reece in the Sanborn Family Library in Hanscom Hall.

"I have been a fan of Spencer's work for quite some time," said Blanco. "He vis-

ited me in Bethel last year, and I am thrilled to welcome him back to share his work. I am sure his moving and pure-spirited poems will inspire and enrich our community."

In 2012, Reece received a Fulbright grant to live and work with orphaned girls at the Our Little Roses orphanage in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, where he taught them to write poetry. While in Bethel, Reece and Blanco will co-edit an anthology of poems written by the girls of Our Little Roses. A documentary film was made of his experience there which will be released in 2015 as will the new anthology.

An Episcopal priest ordained in 2011, Reece's poems explore faith and family. His debut collection, "The Clerk's Tale," was published in 2004 and received the Katharine Bakeless Nason Prize for poetry, selected by U.S. Poet Laureate Louise Glück and awarded by the Middlebury College Bread Loaf Writer's Conference. He is also the author of the collection "The Road to Emmaus" published in 2013.

Reece's honors include fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts, grants from the Fulbright Foundation

and the Minnesota State Arts Council, a Witter Bynner fellowship from the Library of Congress and a Whiting Writer's Award.

Reece earned a BA at Wesleyan University, an MA at the University of York, an MTS at Harvard Divinity School, and an MDiv at Yale Divinity School.

The Richard Blanco Visiting Writers Program and Retreat is a collaboration between Inaugural Poet Richard Blanco and Gould Academy that aims to celebrate living writers and build appreciation for contemporary work.

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## East Andover Community Club news

Ten members of the East Andover Community Club held their Valentine's Day party and regular meeting Feb. 10 at the Calvary Bible Church, Andover. Co-hostesses for the meeting were Sandra Clement and Glenna Allen. Following the business meeting, delicious strawberry shortcakes were enjoyed by members and several fun games were played. The next club meeting will be held on March 10, 1:30, at the Calvary Bible Church. Any interested East Andoverites are welcome to attend.

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## Obituaries

### DAVID J. CARTER

David James Carter, 65, of Bethel, passed away peacefully on March 2, 2014 with his wife and family by his side. He was born in Rumford on April 3, 1948, to parents Thomas Richard Carter and Fern Lyndell (Cotton) Carter. He attended Gould Academy in Bethel from 1964 to 1967, and the University of Maine at Orono, where he graduated in 1972.

David and his wife Anne have owned and operated Carter's Cross Country Ski Centers in Oxford and Bethel as well as Carter's Farm in Oxford for over 35 years. Dave was a long time member of the Oxford Hills Rotary and the Maine Farm Bureau, where he served as president for the last several years. Among his greatest accolades, was his recent induction into the Maine Ski Hall of Fame. Cross Country Skiing was Dave's true passion. He was dedicated to getting as many people on skis as possible, and believed wholeheartedly it could change the world. He lived his dream of skiing until the very end. To know him was to love him, for his passion and enthusiasm were contagious. He will be remembered for his charming smile and mischievous twinkle in his eyes.

Dave is survived by his wife Anne; daughters, Jessica, Sarah, Emily, their husbands Erik, Jesse, Matt and grandchildren India, Veda, Fern and Gus. He leaves behind his brothers

Thomas, Timothy and Stephen, and their families as well as numerous friends and family whom he cherished dearly.

A memorial service will be held at the First Congregational church at 17 East Main Street in South Paris on March 16 at 2 p.m., with light refreshments afterward.

The family would like to thank everyone at Androscoggin Home Health and Hospice, the Dempsey Center and Central Maine Medical Center, as well as Dr. John Wain at Massachusetts General, and for all of the loving support of our friends in the community. The family would like to extend a special thanks to Kim Corey, who has cared for Dave and been so supportive to the whole family. In lieu of flowers, the family would ask that you please send a donation to the Dempsey Center or to Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice.

### JANET L. FOREMAN

Janet L. (Dresser) Foreman, 62, longtime resident of Milford, N.H., died on Feb. 26, 2014, at her home surrounded by her family.

She was born in Nashua, N.H. on Feb. 2, 1952, a daughter of John and Barbara (McCullough) Griffiths. Janet was raised and educated in Milford and graduated from Milford High School.

She had worked as an LNA at the Good Shepherd Nursing Home in Jaffrey, N.H. for several years.

In addition, she lived in Maine for many years and had worked at Sunday River. One of Janet's greatest joys was baking and at one point she owned a bakery in Maine. She was always cooking and making sweets and it brought her joy and happiness to share her sweets with everyone.

She loved skiing, being outdoors, gardening, hiking and visiting the White Mountains. Janet also loved traveling around the country and her excursions to England and Ireland. She enjoyed going to the ocean, collecting sea glass, knitting and very much treasured the time she spent with family.

She was a loving wife, a devoted mother and grandmother.

Family members include her husband, Wayne Foreman of Milford, N.H.; a daughter, Jennifer Merrill and her boyfriend Adam Campagna of Keene, N.H.; three sons and daughters-in-law, Matthew and Joanne Cox of Manchester, N.H., Keith and Patsy Cox of Gilead, Nathan and Erin Cheever of Auburn; ten grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Carl and Debbie Griffiths of Wilton, N.H., and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial visiting hours will be held on March 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Smith & Heald Funeral Home, 63 Elm Street, Milford, N.H. To share a memory or offer a condolence, please go to [www.smith-heald.com](http://www.smith-heald.com)

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I told him and was ending, "and B.B. came home unexpectedly and told me I was ruining this nice room and he has gone off angry and I don't blame him..." But Louis was no longer listening. He had grabbed the scissors, slashed here and there and all thirteen feet of the strip was up, not only up but flat and smooth. Only two birds looked as though they had been in a crash on the Merritt Parkway. Louis was grabbing up the rest of the roll, tearing out two birds. "Now, Melly," he said, "just watch the way I feather the edges of the paper." It looked like a ragged mess to me. He pasted it, flapped it up, stepped back and said, "And that is it."

All was perfect, the lines were straight, all the birds looked as though they could fly away any minute. "Oh, thank you, thank you," I cried out, "you have performed a miracle and saved my life."

"Nothing to it," said Louis. "I haven't seen any of this old-fashioned wide border for years. Now what were you planning to do about the ends of the wall and the rest of this room? Now if you want to,

you can cut some stripes, miter the corners and run down the sides. And if you want, I will put a strip of the whole border on this space over the window above the tub.

I hadn't planned but I looked; it would be perfect. My spirits rose again as I cut and Louis slapped to the wall. "Now," said Louis, "just cut out a few birds, feather the edges as I showed you, and put one or two on each sloping dormer wall. You can do that yourself." And Louis was off singing, "Melly B. has birds in her bathroom and bats in her belfry."

I grabbed the scissors and feathered out a cardinal; he could go over the west door and greet us as we entered. "Up with the bonnets of Bonnie Dundee," I sang as I cut some narrow stripes and outlined the doorway to unify the design. The clock struck, downstairs I ran, lit the oven, mixed a biscuit dough, opened some canned strawberries, whipped cream, on with the coffeepot, loaded a tray. In came B.B. looking sad. "Did you get the hemlock down?" I gaily greeted him. "Of course; it was stupid of me to go off without the wedges." "You can carry this tray to the porch and I'll be

right out with the rest of the lunch." Soon I put before him a huge strawberry shortcake, a humble peace offering.

"What did you do about the bathroom?" he asked. "You look serene and not upset." "Nothing," I answered. He paused, then smiled, "The horse trailer is back; Louis must have been here."

"That was it," said I, "and all is well. You may not like it but at least it is not a mess. I haven't finished; you can't look till later." No child was ever happier with paper dolls than I as I finished the birds and cleaned up. B.B. approved, even said he liked it better than the old paper. Pat gave it polite approval but the room did not look like a bathroom to her. Big Jim took one look and said, "Not for me, the last thing I want to see in the morning is a room of cheerful birds." As for me, a bath was no longer a sterile health measure but the charm of imagining one a hour in paradise was missing; still after a fire...after a fire, there was no end of little jobs to be done but came the gardening, came N.T.L., came summer guests, came autumn riding. Came two years before the last detail was finished...

## Birth

### Reece Ryan Wing

Todd and Elizabeth Wing of Portland are pleased to announce the arrival of their son, Reece Ryan Wing, born Feb. 1, 2014. Reece joins his brother Ronan, age 7, and sister Maren, age 5.

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